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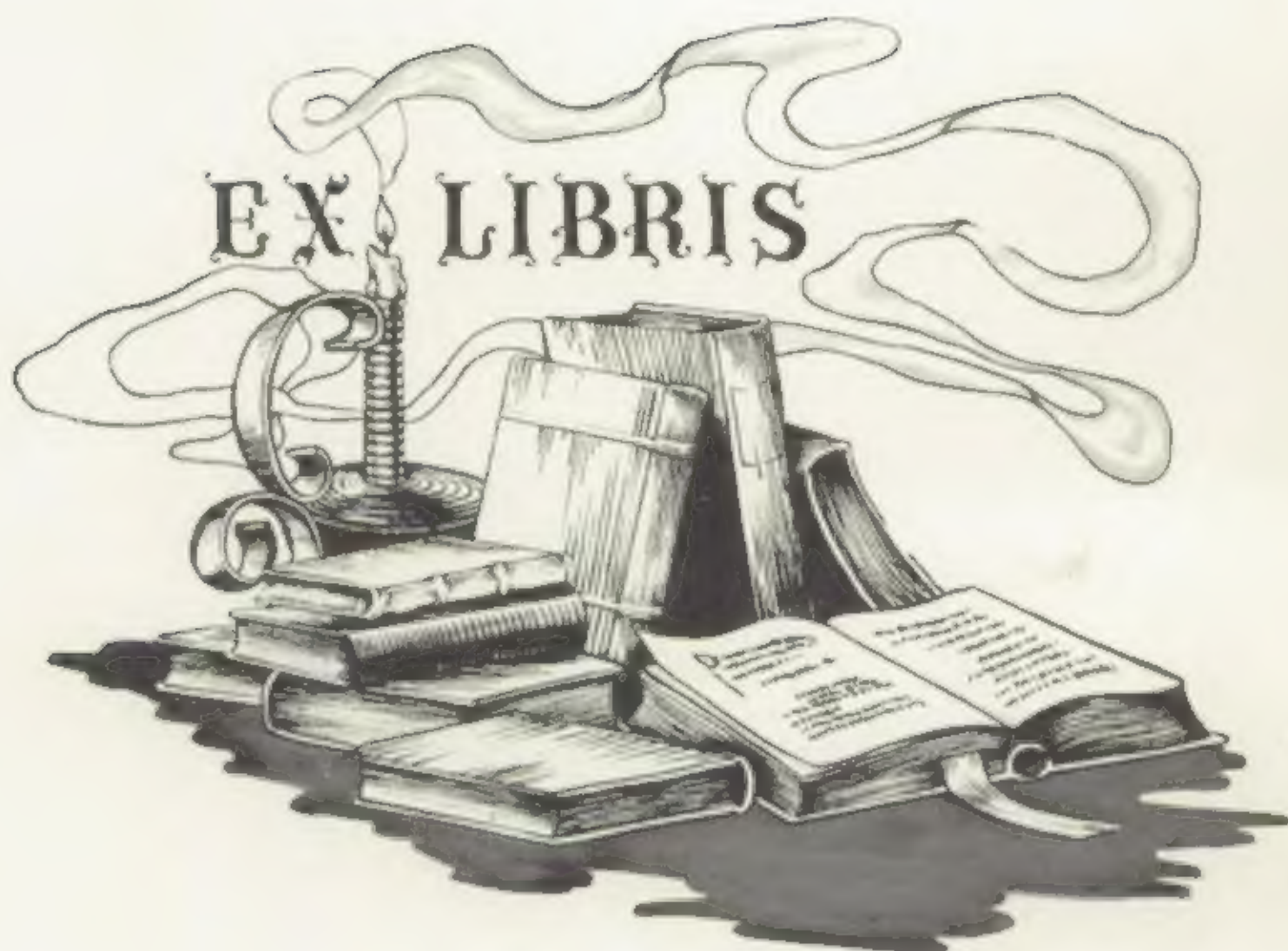








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"Far better it is to dare mighty things, to win glorious triumphs, even though checkered by failure, than to take rank with those poor spirits who neither enjoy much nor suffer much, because they live in the gray twilight that knows not victory nor defeat."

Theodore Roosevelt

in speech, April, 1899

THE SENIOR CLASS  
of  
SPARTA HIGH SCHOOL  
PRESENTS

'54 SPARTAN

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Not enjoyment, and not sorrow  
Is our destined end or way;  
But to act, that each tomorrow  
Brings us farther than today.

-Longfellow

A Psalm of Life

# FOREWORD

When other lips and other hearts  
Their tales of woe shall tell,  
In language whose excess imparts  
The power they feel so well,  
There may, perhaps, in such a scent,  
Some recollection be  
Of days that have as happy been,  
And you'll remember me.

--Alfred Bunn





In appreciation for all the guidance and co-operation given to the Class of 1954, we dedicate our yearbook to Mr. Jack Davis, who has been our capable and understanding advisor for the past four years. During this time, his untiring efforts to make our class successful have never failed. His splendid ideas and good business ability have contributed much to the success of our class. The class of 1954 extends best wishes for his continued success in guiding and advising students of S. H. S.



# SCHOOL BOARD



LEFT TO RIGHT: Ed Lane, Charles Bromley, Lynn Bradford, George Fifield, William DeHart, and below Avery Johnson.



# P. T. A. BOARD



SEATED: Mrs. Jasechke, Mrs. Johnson, Mrs. Elve, Mrs. DeVoogd, Mrs. Larson, Mrs. Mutchler. STANDING: Lawrence Bodell, William DeHart.



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LORNA AMBURGEY

"It is only through labor and painful effort, by grim energy and resolute courage that we move on to better things."

Band 1, 2, 3, 4; Chorus 1, 2, 3, 4; FHA 1, 3; Basketball 1, 2; Library 1.



MARGARET AMIDON

"And school was joy and work was sport, For which the days were all too short."

Chorus 1, 2, 3, 4; Basketball 1, 3, 4V.

MYRTLE ANDERSON

"As full of spirit as the month of May."

Chorus 1, 2, 3; Jr. Play; Journalism 3; Basketball 1, 2, 3V, 4V; Cheerleading 1, 2, 3V, 4V.



ANN ANDERSON

"Any gathering was enlivened by her presence."

Chorus 1, 2, 3, 4; Jr. Play; Sr. Play.

FLOYD ATKINS

"He knows the precise psychological moment when to say nothing."

Driver Training 2.



GERALDINE AUSTIN

"A smile is the same in all languages."

Chorus 4.







EDWIN BARR

"Nothing but death will part me from my dignity."

Jr. Play; Sr. Play.



DONALD BATES

"For 'tis the mind that makes the body rich."

Annual Staff.



MARILYN BLOOMSTROM

"Silent in seven languages."

Chorus 1, 2, 3, 4; FHA 1.

DONALD BRADFORD

"What can we give him who so much hath given."

Football 2, 3V, 4V; Basketball 1, 2, 3V, 4V; Baseball 1, 2V, 3V, 4V; Track 3V; Chorus 1, 2; Vice Pres. 1; President 2, 3, 4; Jr. Rotary 3, 4; Annual Staff; Journalism 2, 3, 4.

DUANE BRADFORD

"Let the world slide, let the world go: A fig for care and a fig for woe"

Football 1, 2V, 3V, 4V; Basketball 1, 2V, 3V, 4V; Baseball 1, 2V, 3V; Track 2V, 3V, 4V; Chorus 1, 2, 3, 4; Jr. Rotary 4; Class Treas. 1; Vice Pres. 2, 3, 4; Sr. Play.



GLEN BURGETT

"In athletics, sports, he doth excel."

Football 1V, 2V, 3V, 4V; All State 4; Track 1V, 2V, 3V, 4V; State Champion; President 1; Chorus 1, 2, 3; Jr. Rotary 3, 4; Annual Staff.





MARIE CANIC

"So modest, half her worth is not known."

Chorus 1, 2, 3, 4; Journalism 3; Library 1; Class Sec'y. 2, 3.



ROBERT A. CARLSON

"If late hours were diamonds, he would have a mine."

FFA 1, 2, 3, 4; Football 2; Chorus 2, 3.



ROBERT L. CARLSON

"It is better to wear out than to rust out."

Jr. Play; Senate 3, 4; Jr. Rotary 4; Annual Editor; Baseball Mgr. 2, 3; Library 1; Journalism 3.

LEWIS CHAPMAN

"Give me some music, music more than foods."

Chorus 2; Band 3, 4; Journalism 3.



ROBERTA CLAY

"Silence is the element in which great things fashion themselves."

Chorus 1, 2, 3, 4; Library 1; Sr. Play.

ELAINE CLINTSMAN

"Youth comes but once in a life time."

Basketball 3V, 4V; Chorus 2, 3, 4; Journalism 3.







HELEN COUTURIER

"She is not a flower; She's not a pearl; She's just a noble all-round girl."

Chorus 1, 2, 3, 4; Library 1, 4; Senate 4; Basketball 3, 4V; Journalism 3, 4; Jr. Play; Sr. Play; D. A. R. Award.



NICK CREVELING

"A good fellow among fellows."

Baseball 2, 3V, 4V; Chorus 3; FFA 1, 3.

VERNON DAVENPORT

"A farmer's life is a merry one."

Track 1, 2.

DEAN CUMINGS

"Good sense which is a gift of heaven."

Band 1, 2, 3, 4; Chorus 1, 2, 3, 4; Journalism 4; Baseball 1, 2, 3, 4; Jr. Play, Sr. Play; Jr. Rotary; Annual Staff.

RONALD DELANGE

"The power of thought, the magic of the mind."

Football 1, Tennis 1, 2V, 3V, 4V; Chorus 3, 4; Jr. Rotary.



KENNETH DENHOF

"He's quiet but very friendly."

FFA 1, 4.





ROBERT DERCK

"A youth light hearted and content."

Track 1; Baseball 2, 4; FFA 1, 2, 3;  
FFA Pres. 3.



SALLY DE VOS

"Pure thoughts seated in a heart of  
courtesy."

Chorus 1, 2, 3, 4; Journalism 3, 4;  
Journalism Bus. Mgr. 4; Annual  
Staff.

GEORGE ERHART

"What do we live for if not to make  
the world less difficult for each  
other."

Football 1; Football Mgr. 2, 3; Bas-  
ketball Mgr. 3; Baseball Mgr. 3;  
Track 1, 2; FFA 1.

GLENN DUNN

"All great men are dead or dying,  
and I'm not feeling so well."

Track 2; Football 3; Library 3, 4;  
Chorus 3.

JAMES FAHLING

"Young fellows will be young fel-  
lows."

Baseball 2, 3V, 4V; FFA 1, 2, 3, 4.



BARBARA FERGUSON

"A merry heart maketh a cheerful  
countenance."

Jr. Play; Band 1, 2, 3, 4; Annual Staff.







KENNETH GRAVES

"Pleasure and action make hours seem short."

Football Mgr. 2; Basketball 3, 4V; Basketball Mgr. 2; Tennis 1V, 3V, 4V; Tennis Mgr. 2; Track 3, 4; Chorus 1, 2, 3; Annual Staff; Sr. Play.



LAWRENCE GRAY

"Be wise worldly, but not wise."

FFA 1, 2, 3, 4; FFA Vice Pres. 3; FFA Pres. 4; Chorus 1, 2, 3, 4; Jr. Play Asst. Director; Sr. Play Asst. Director; Jr. Rotary 4; Baseball 1, 2; Basketball 3.

BEVRA HEFT

"The only way to have a friend is to be one."

Chorus 2, 3, 4; Library 3.

SHIRLEY HANNA

"To determine what to wear, when to go, and likewise where."

Cheerleading 1, 2, 3V, 4V; Basketball 1, 2, 3V, 4V; Chorus 1, 2, 3, 4; FHA 1.

ROGER HEFT

"To worry little, to study little, is my idea of happiness."

FFA 1, 2, 3, 4; FFA Sec'y. 4.



GORDON HELSEL

"Little said is soonest mended."

Library 3, 4.





DOROTHY JENKINS

"The good fear no loss."

Chorus 1, 2, 3, 4; Basketball 1, 2, 3;  
FHA 1, 2, 3.



NAOMI HILER

"In maiden meditation, fancy free."

Chorus 1, 2, 3, 4; Journalism 3; FHA  
1; Basketball 3, 4.



ELOISE IRISH

"Youthful and laughing and gay."

Band 4; Driver Training 2; Library  
2; Chorus 1, 2, 3, 4; Jr. Play; Sr. Play;  
Journalism 3; FHA 1, 2, 3.

ANNE KELLOGG

"Haste is a thing foreign to my nature."

Library 1, 2; Jr. Play; Sr. Play; Chorus  
1, 2, 3, 4; Journalism 3, 4; Annual  
Staff; Youth Talent FHA 1, 2 (Sec'y).

ELEANOR KIK

"Her modest answer and graceful  
air, Show her wise and good as she  
is fair."

Chorus 1, 2, 3; Basketball 1, 2V, 3V,  
4V; Jr. Play; Sr. Play; Senate 1, 2,  
3, 4; Senate Pres. 4, V. Pres. 3;  
Asst. Editor of Annual; Journalism  
1, 2, 3, 4; Cheerleading 1, 2, 3V, 4V;  
Class Sec'y. 1.



RONALD KLEIN

"So live that when you die, even  
the undertaker will cry."

Basketball 1, 2; Journalism 1, 2, 3, 4;  
Chorus 1, 2, 3, 4; Jr. Play.



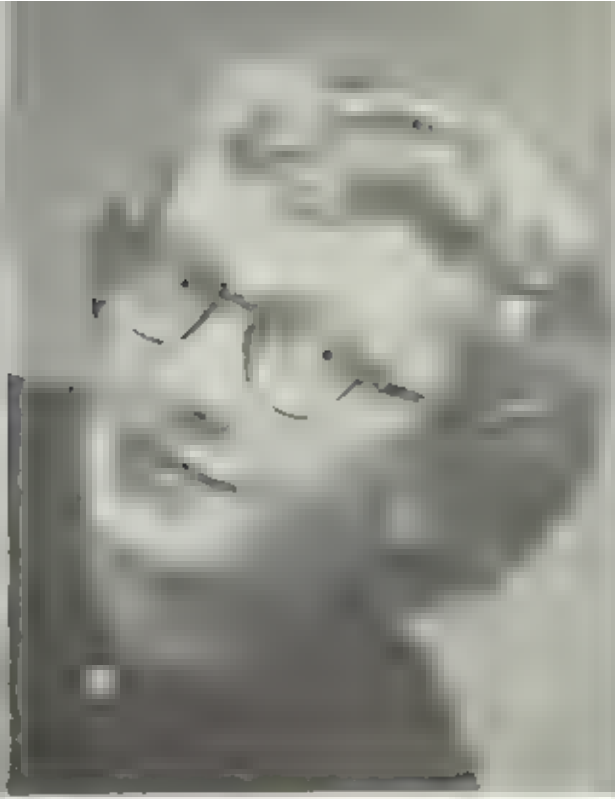




JANET KOBER

"Content to pursue the even tenor of life."

Chorus 1, 2, 3, 4; Basketball 1, 2, 3, 4V; Journalism 3; 4-H 1, 2, 3, 4.



CLARISSA LAUFFER

"Knows the joys of doing good."  
Chorus 1, 2, 3, 4; FHA 2, 3, 4; Band 1, 2, 3, 4; Journalism 3.



JEANNETTE LONGCORE

"Must read or sit in reverie."

Chorus 1, 3; Library 1, 3, 4.

ARLAN LUNDQUIST

"To love the game above the prize."  
Football 1, 2V, 3V, 4V; Track 1V, 2V, 3V, 4V; Chorus 1; Basketball 2, 3, 4V.



LOREEN LUNDQUIST

"To gentle ways she is inclined."

Chorus 1, 2, 3, 4; Journalism 3, 4.



RICHARD MAY

"Why aren't they all contented like me."

Chorus 4; Football 3, 4V; Baseball 3; Track 4V.





SHIRLEY MAY

"She is gentle, she is shy, but there's mischief in her eye."

Chorus 1, 2, 3, 4.



JAMES McCracken

"His friends are many, his enemies few."

Basketball 1, 2, 3; Baseball 1, 2V, 3V, 4V; Chorus 1, 2, 3; Football Mgr. 1.

EDWIN MOMBER

"I believe in gatten' as much out of life as you kin."

FFA 3, 4.

NEVA MEGINLEY

"Life is not so short but that there is always time enough for courtesy."

Basketball 1, 2; FHA 1, 3, 4; FHA Pres. 4; Chorus 1, 2, 3, 4; Library 1, 2.

GLORIA PARKS

"Just being happy is good work and true."

Journalism 1, 2, 3; Essay Contest 1, 2,



RONALD PENNINGTON

"Variety is the spice of life."

Senate 1, 2, 3, 4; Jr. Rotary 4; Chorus 1, 3, 4; Annual Staff; Baseball 1, 2, 3V, 4V; Basketball 1, 2, 3, 4V.







MARILYN PHELPS

"Fashioned so slenderly, young and so fair."

Chorus 1, 2, 3, 4; Jr. Play; Sr. Play; Basketball 2; Annual Staff.



HOWARD PICCARD

"Who sows a field, or trains a flower, or plants a tree, is more than all."

FFA 1, 2, 3, 4.



MARILYN PLESCHER

"Quiet and untroubled, always pleasant and kind."

Chorus 1, 2, 3, 4.

MELROY POLING

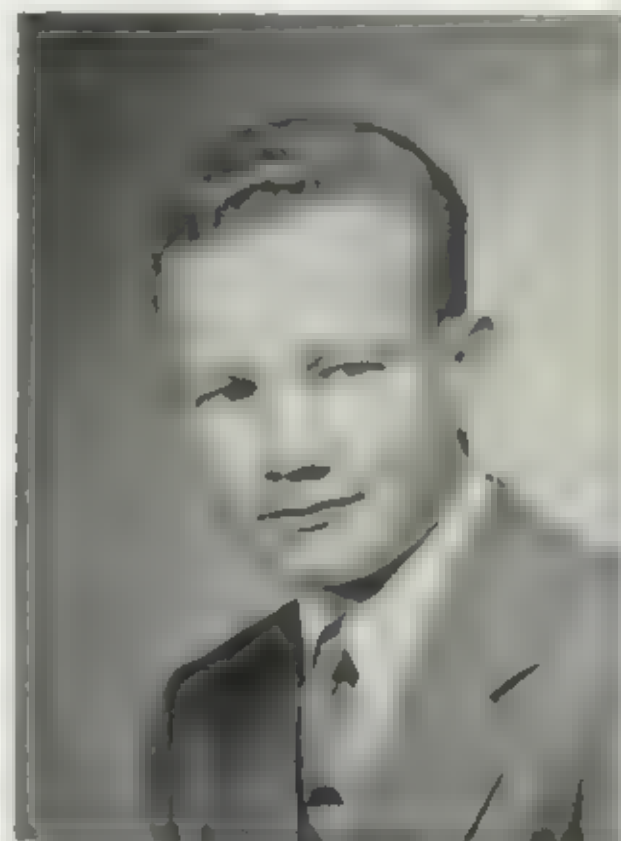
"Don't try to estimate what there is in a quiet fellow."

Football 1, 2, 4V; Basketball 2, 3.

JOAN POPE

"A form more fair a face more sweet, ne'er hath it been my lot to meet."

FHA 1, 2, 3; Class Treas. 2, 3, 4; Annual Staff; Basketball 1; Journalism 3; Cheerleader 1, 2, 3V, 4V; Chorus 1, 2, 3, 4; Basketball Mgr. 4.



NOREEN PRESTON

"An enthusiast whose character combines, gentleness; courtesy and unaffected wisdom."

Chorus 1, 2, 3, 4; Journalism 1, 2, 3, 4; Journalism Editor 4; Annual Staff.





ROGER RADECK

"Men of few words are the best men."

FFA 1, 2, 3, 4; Football 1, 2V, 3V, 4V; Baseball 1, 2V, 3V, 4V.



MARVA RING

"Her voice is sweet and low."

Chorus 1, 3, 4; Journalism 4.

JOAN SCHWAB

"It is the tranquil people who accomplish most."

Chorus 1, 2, 3, 4; Journalism 3.

CARYL SAVAGE

"Rich in gentle smiles and sunny."

Journalism 3; Library 1, 2.

LOUISE SHUE

"But if I'm content with a little, enough is as good as a feast."

Chorus 1, 2, 3, 4; FHA 1; Journalism 3.



RAYMOND SCHUILING

"Life's a jest, and all things show it; I thought so once, and now I know it."

Baseball 1, 2; Chorus 2, 3; Jr. Rotary 4; Football 1, 2, 3V, 4V; Basketball 1, 2, 3, 4; Track 1, 4.







LYLE SIMMONS

"His stature manly, bold, and tall.

FFA 1, 2, 3, 4.



ROGER SIMMONS

"All mankind loves a lover."

Chorus 1, 2, 3, 4; Band 2, 3, 4; Football 1, 2, 4V; Basketball 1, 2, 3, 4V; Tennis 1V, 2V, 3V, 4V; Journalism 3; Jr. Play; Library Board 1, 2.



ROGER SINGLETON

"Nothing is impossible to a willing heart."

Baseball Mgr. 3, 4; Football 1, 2, 3, Mgr. 4; Track 3; Annual Staff.

MICHAEL SLAPINSKI

"Blessed is the man who invented sleep."

Baseball 1, 2, 3.



THOMAS STÖRTZ

"Wise men say nothing in dangerous times."

Football 1, 2, 3V, 4V.

DONALD THOMAS

"Brother, thou hast possibility in thee for much."

Chorus 1, 2; Football 2; Baseball 1, 2, 3V, 4V; Jr. Rotary 4; Library Board 1; Annual Staff.





RICHARD TINNEY

"His stature tall--I hate a dum-  
py man."

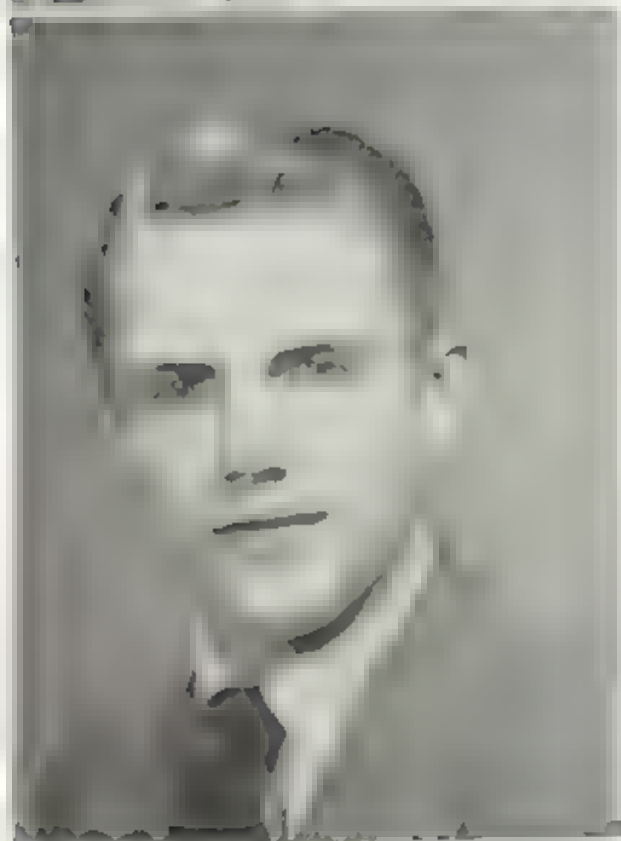
Driver Training.



JACK TITUS

"A capable and industrious gen-  
tleman."

Band 1, 2, 3, 4; Chorus 1, 2.



PAUL TOVEY

"With all good cheer he spoke  
and laughed."

Track 1, 3; Baseball 2, 3, 4; Bas-  
ketball 2, 3; Football 4; Jr.  
Play.

DALE TRIMBLE

"He builds for character, not  
for fame."

Chorus 1, 2; Senate 3, 4; Jr.  
Rotary 4; Football 1, 2V, 3V, 4V;  
Basketball 1, 2V, 3V, 4V; Track  
1, 2V, 3V, 4V.

GALE TRIMBLE

"Art may make a suit of clothes  
but nature must produce a man."

Chorus 1, 2; Football 1, 2V, 3V,  
4V; Jr. Rotary 4; Track 1; Base-  
ball 2, 3, 4V; Basketball 1, 2V,  
3V, 4V.



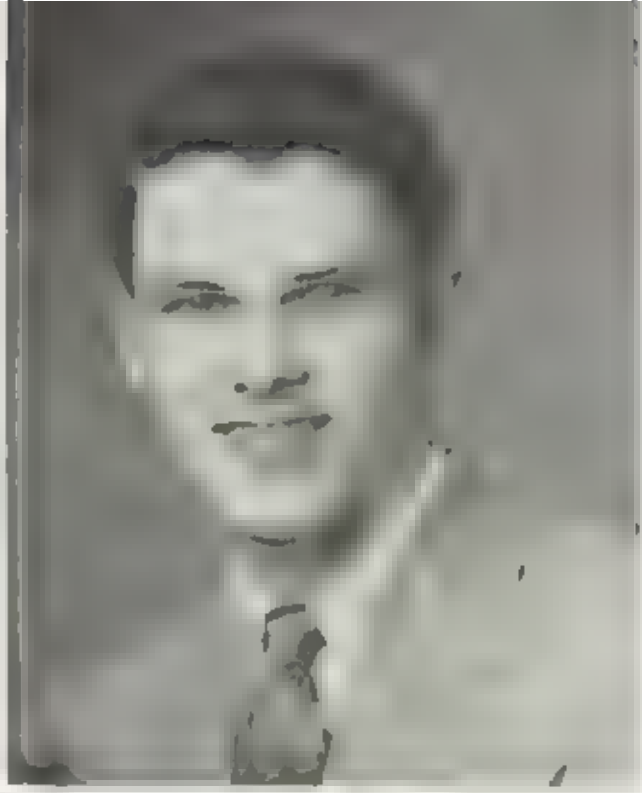
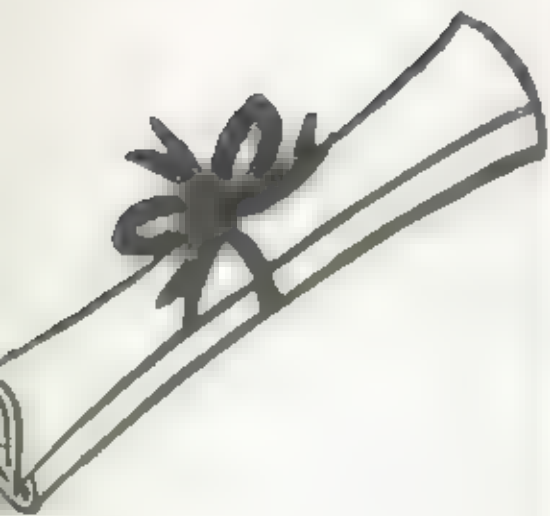
JOHN TURNER

"Of their own merit, modest  
men are quiet."

FFA 2; Photography Club 3.



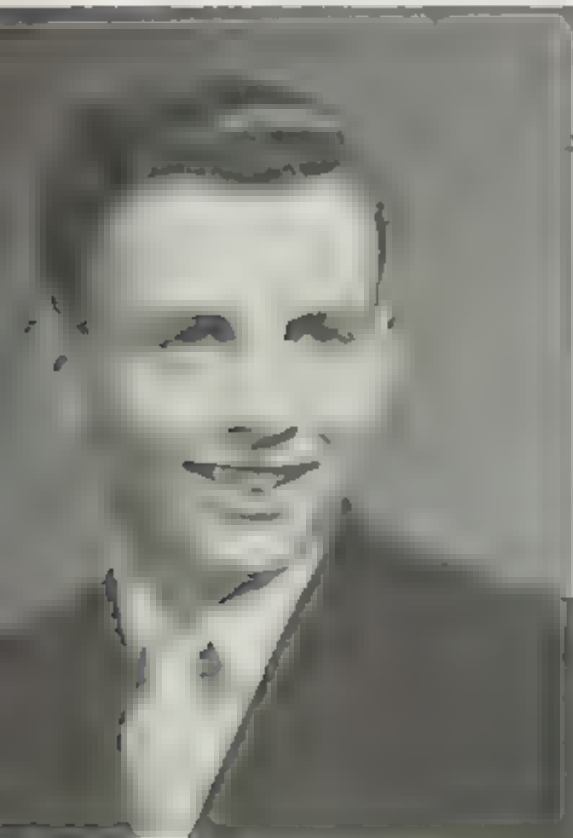




DONALD USHER

"A little nonsense, now and then, is relished by the wisest men."

Chorus 1, 2, 3; Basketball 1; Band 1.



LEON VAN ZANT

"Silence is as deep as eternity, speech is as shallow as time."

Baseball 2, 3, 4.

FRANCES WARD

"Her air, her smile, her notions told of womanly completeness."

Basketball 1, 2, 3, 4; Chorus 1, 2, 3, 4; Journalism 1, 2.

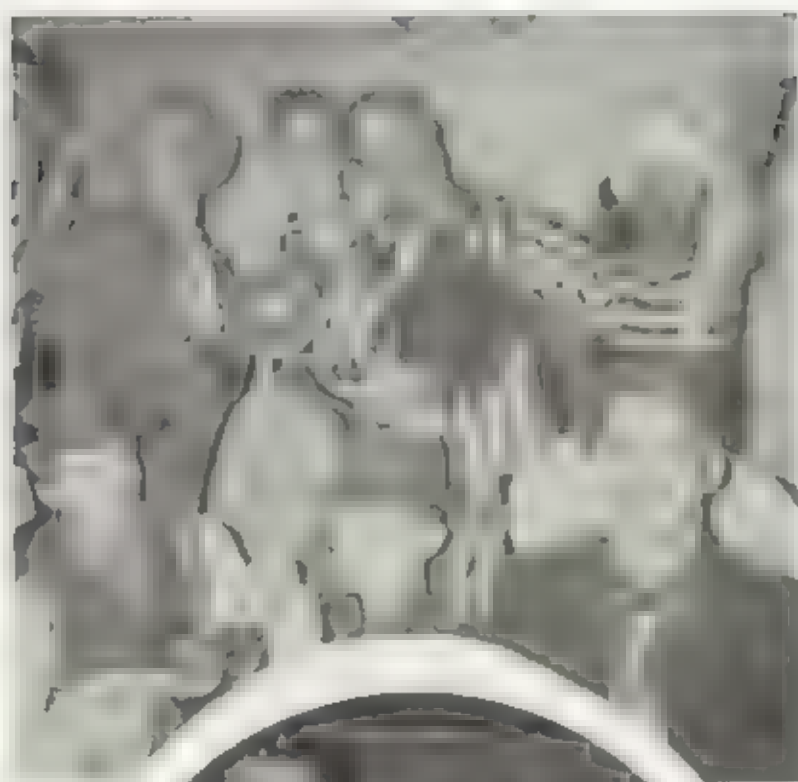
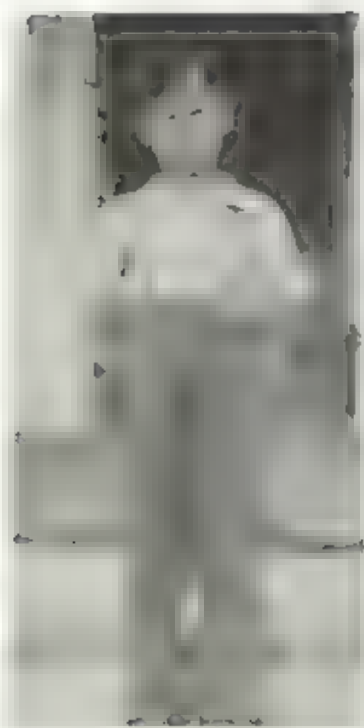
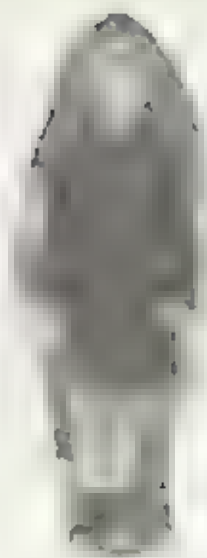


JUDITH WILSON

"A mind not to be changed by time or place."

Chorus 1, 2, 3, 4; Cheerleading 2, 3 (Capt.), 4V; Senate 2, 3, 4; Class Sec'y. 4; FHA 1; Annual Staff.







# CLASS WILL

Upon leaving our Alma Mater, never to return, we the class of 1954 leave our prize possessions to the undersigned.

LORNA AMBURGEY - Her position as church organist to Anita Jacobs.  
MARGE AMIDON - Her fun in high school to "Kid" Amidon and Kathy Bear.  
ANN ANDERSON - Her fingernails to Linda Watkins.  
MERT ANDERSON - Her love for LaVern Schut to Joyce Trimble and Judy Rohm.  
GERRIE AUSTIN - Her short hair to Barbara Dewey.  
ED BARR - His extreme tenderness to Ron Plummer so he can capture romance once again.  
DON BATES - His size to his brother, Roger.  
MARILYN BLOOMSTROM - Her bashfulness to Joan Dewey.  
DON BRADFORD - His poetry page to Phil Barber.  
DUANE BRADFORD - Privilege of being the "heaviest" man on the football team to brother, Larry.  
GLENN BURGETT - His unused textbooks to Jack Scoby.  
MARIE CANIC - Her ability to control her temper to Sue Ledbetter.  
BOB A. CARLSON - His Dodge to anyone who can find it.  
BOB L. CARLSON - His worries of the Annual to Marinell Chase.  
LOUIE CHAPMAN - The Sparta Theatre pop corn stand to anyone who wants it.  
ROBERTA CLAY - Her fondness of Spanish and Miss Garland to Donna Benedict.  
ELAINE CLINTSMAN - Her love of dancing to anyone who loves to dance.  
HELEN COUTURIER - Her natural role as a "brat" in the Junior Play to Karen Anderson.  
NICK CREVELING - His ability to do Physics to Jerry David.  
DEAN CUMINGS - His two black eyes from the Junior Play to Bernard Lewis.  
VERN DAVENPORT - His "hot-rod" to Paul Shue.  
RON DeLANG - His singing ability to Bernard Lewis.  
KEN DENHOF - His English Lit. book to David Hertling.  
BOB DERCK - Anything he's got to anyone who thinks they can get it.  
SALLY DE VOS - Her ability as a successful business manager to Barb Scheneman.  
GLENN DUNN - Being of insane mind, he wills his joke book to "Draino" Parks.  
GEORGE ERHART - His hopes of becoming an engineer to Gary DeLoof.  
JIM FAHLING - His height to Dex Rohm.  
BARB FERGUSON - Privilege of arguing with Mr. Davis to Leroy Klein.  
KENNY GRAVES - His comedian talents to anyone who is against the advancement of civilization.  
LARRY GRAY - His Dodge to the nearest car lot.  
SHIRLEY HANNA - Her position as forward co-captain to Kay Kober.  
BEV HEFT - Her peroxide bottle to Kay Kober.  
ROGER HEFT - His good time in "Ag" class to Jim Kline.  
GORDY HELSEL - His government book to Vance Tawney.  
NAOMI HILER - Her love of basketball to Marilyn Sargent.  
ELOISE IRISH - Her title as "class flirt" to Janet Stanton.  
DOROTHY JENKINS - Her red hair to Barb Scheneman.  
ANNE KELLOGG - Her ability to be on time to her sister.  
ELEANOR KIK - Presidency of the Senate to Janet Stanton.  
RON KLEIN - His technique to any guy that wants no women.  
JANET KOBER - All her good geometry marks to her sister.

# AND WE BEQUEATH

CLARISSA LAUFFER - Distinction of being the piccolo player to Carolyn Baughan.  
JEANNETTE LONGCORE - Her love of horses to anyone who shares her interest.  
ARLAN LUNDQUIST - His Spanish book to anyone who will have it.  
LOREEN LUNDQUIST - Her ability to get along without men to Joan Van Leeuwen.  
DICK MAY - His height at right guard to Ron Klenk.  
SHIRLEY MAY - Her ability to get along with people and to make friends to anyone who needs it.  
JIM McCRACKEN - His baseball ability to his little brother.  
NEVA MEGINLEY - Her position at the Ben Franklin Store to Bonnilou Cummings.  
ED MOMBER - His ability in shop to Reggie Pennington.  
GLORIA PARKS - Her ability to get along with Mr. Tuttle to Duane Parks.  
RON PENNINGTON - His "little red book" to Merwyn Jacoby.  
MARILYN PHELPS - Her long hair to Sharyl Reed.  
HOWARD PICCARD - His ability to get along with Mr. Humeston to Vance Tawney.  
MARILYN PLESCHER - Her ability to get along with Mr. Gardner to Beatrice Jenkins.  
MELROY POLING - His bright, beautiful, wavy red hair to any other "angel" who wants it.  
JOAN POPE - Her ability to drive a car to Vonnie Pope.  
NOREEN PRESTON - Her ability to always have some place to go and something to do to anyone who is bored with this life.  
ROGER RADECK - His sports ability to "Harry's kids."  
MARVA RING - Her ability to get along with her "bachelor uncle" to Miss Garland.  
CARYL SAVAGE - Her two years at Sparta High to Marge Austin.  
JOAN SCHWAB - Her height to Kay Kober.  
LOUISE SHUE - Her government marks to Charla Phinney.  
RAY SHULING - Defensive left side of the line to Kenny Shangle.  
LYLE SIMMONS - His Hudson to Dixie.  
ROGER SIMMONS - His ability to play "boogie" on the bass to Gordon Blackmer.  
ROGER SINGLETON - His "few" rides in Carlson's car to anyone who has no will to live.  
MIKE SLAPINSKI - All the blondes in Grand Rapids to Don Shangle.  
TOM STORTZ - His old Ford to Bob Boros.  
DON THOMAS - His seat in assembly to Alan Bradford.  
DICK TINNEY - His ability to get along with Mr. DeHart to Bert Phinney.  
JACK TITUS - His ability to get along with Joan Dewey to Ron Plummer.  
PAUL TOVEY - His Chevrolet to Miss Garland, so she won't be speeding all the time.  
DALE TRIMBLE - The linebacker spot on the football team to anybody who will fight like "heck" for good old S. H. S.  
GALE TRIMBLE - Privilege of being the only "lefty" on the basketball team to Ron Plummer.  
JOHN TURNER - His ability to keep on good terms with Mr. Alguire to Bob Boros.  
DON USHER - His good times in high school to his brother, Norman.  
LEON VAN ZANT - His curly hair to Chuck Twichell.  
FRAN WARD - Her blond hair to Marilyn Topping.  
JUDY WILSON - Her dark hair and brown eyes to Marinell Chase.

# CLASS POEM

In leaving halls that mean so much  
A host of memories dear  
Are brought back in these passing thoughts  
Of each past and present year.

Of hours we've spent, and fun we've had  
Of friends who hate to part  
The plays, the games, the band, and chorus  
That linger in each heart.

The pleasures and the hardships  
Have combined to make complete  
The years we've shared at Sparta High  
We hold them as elite.

But even as we graduate  
And leave these realms; we see  
Our hopes turn to the future  
And the challenge of life's great sea.

And looking now to greater things  
We see the nearing year,  
When the burdens of a troubled world  
Will be our own to bear.

We lift this humble prayer to God  
That the wisdom which we take  
Will be the instrument we need  
To put a broken earth in shape.

--Don E. Bradford





SITTING: Billy Herrington, Joan Schwab, Roger Simmons, ?, Neil Elve, Donna Larson, STANDING: Charles Gold, ?, Ronald DeLange, Marilyn Phelps, Peggy Randall, Neva Meginley, Myrtle Anderson, Loran Amburgey, Calvin Hosmer, and Donald Bjork.

SITTING: Joan Schwab, Roger Simmons, STANDING: Ronald DeLange, Marilyn Phelps, Neva Meginley, Myrtle Anderson, and Lorna Amburgey.



SITTING: Albert Jacoby, Ronnie Zoogsmma, Robert Carlson, Duane Beduhn, Marge Amidon, Anne Kellogg, Oscar Mayo, Wayne Rider, Mike Slapinski, Glenn Burgett, STANDING: Don Shepard, Gordon Helsel, Jack Gardner, Alvin Carlson, Diane Douglas, Alice Johnson, Albert Morgan, Don Bradford, Duane Bradford.

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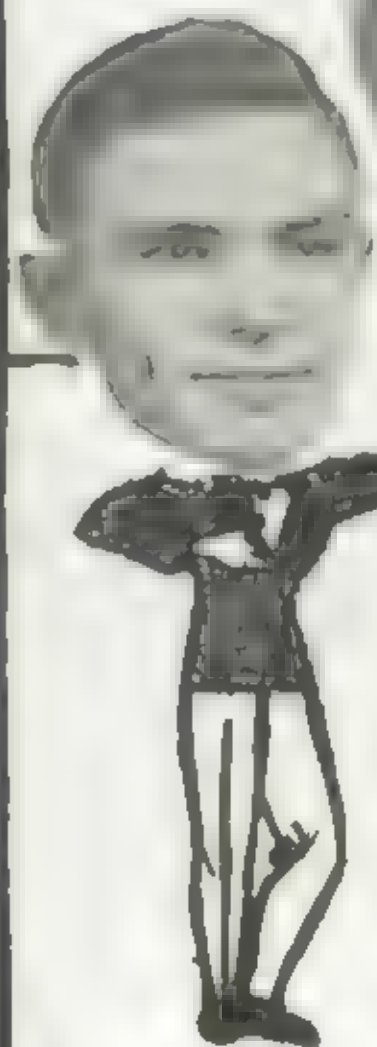


"Most Bashful Girl"  
Joan Schwab

A. Kellogg  
J. Pope



"Most Bashful Boy"  
Floyd Atkins



"Most Congenial Boy"  
George Enhart



Most Courteous Senior  
Neva Meginley

# MOCK

"Most Likely To Succeed"  
Lorna Amburgey  
and  
Don Bradford



"Book Worm"  
Claissa  
Laufer



A. Kellogg  
J. Pope

"Class Pest"  
Myrtle Anderson



"Cutest Boy and Girl"  
Leon Vanzant  
and  
Marilyn Phelps



"Conceited Boy"  
Ron Klein

# ELECTION



"Girl Athlete"  
Eleanor  
Kik



"Boy Athlete"  
Glenn Burgett



"Chatterbox"  
Barra Heft



"Class Optimist"  
Ed Baer



"Class Pessimist"  
Dick Tinney

"Class Artists"  
Anne Kellogg  
and  
Tom Stortz



"Modest Seniors"  
Ann Anderson  
and  
Melroy Poling



"Class Brain"  
Ron DeLange



A. Kellogg  
D. Page



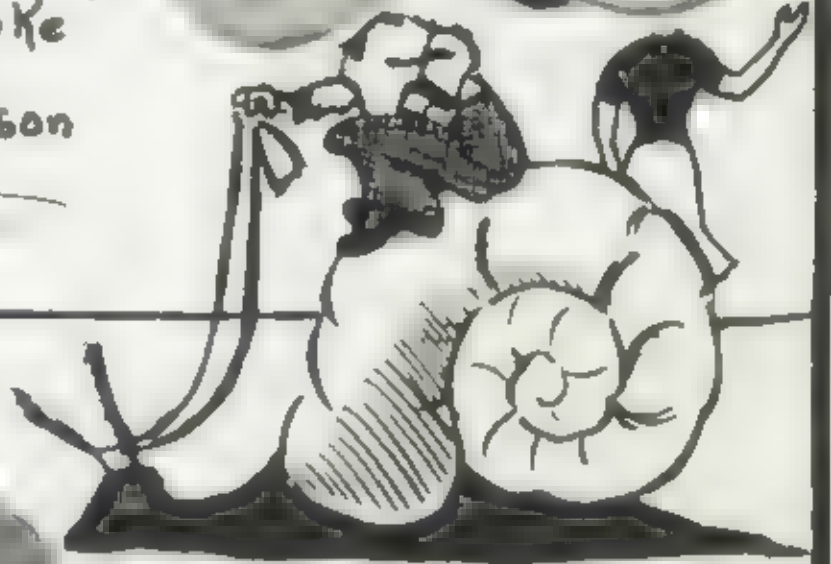
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Mike Slapinski



"Class Slowpoke"  
Judy Wilson



"Class Poet"  
Duane Bradford



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Eloise Irish



"Class Wolf"  
Ray Schuiling



"Class Cut-up"  
Ken Graves

"Class Crooner"  
Roger Simmons

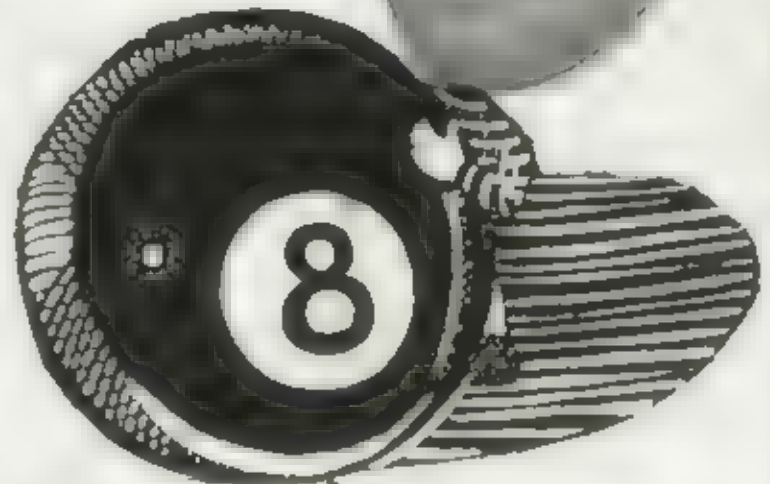


A. Kellogg  
D. Pope



"Behind the Eight Ball"  
Glenn Dunn

"Class  
Musicians"  
Barbara  
Ferguson  
and  
Dean  
Cumings



"Easy Going Guy"  
Arlan Lundquist

"Class Actor"  
Lewis Chapman

"Women-Hater"  
Don Bates

"Man-Hater"  
Sally DeVos



2/2/80  
2/2/80



"Industrious Girl"  
Noreen Preston



"Industrious Boy"  
Bob Carlson



"Most Popular Boy"  
Ron Pennington

"Most Apired Senior"  
Joan Pope

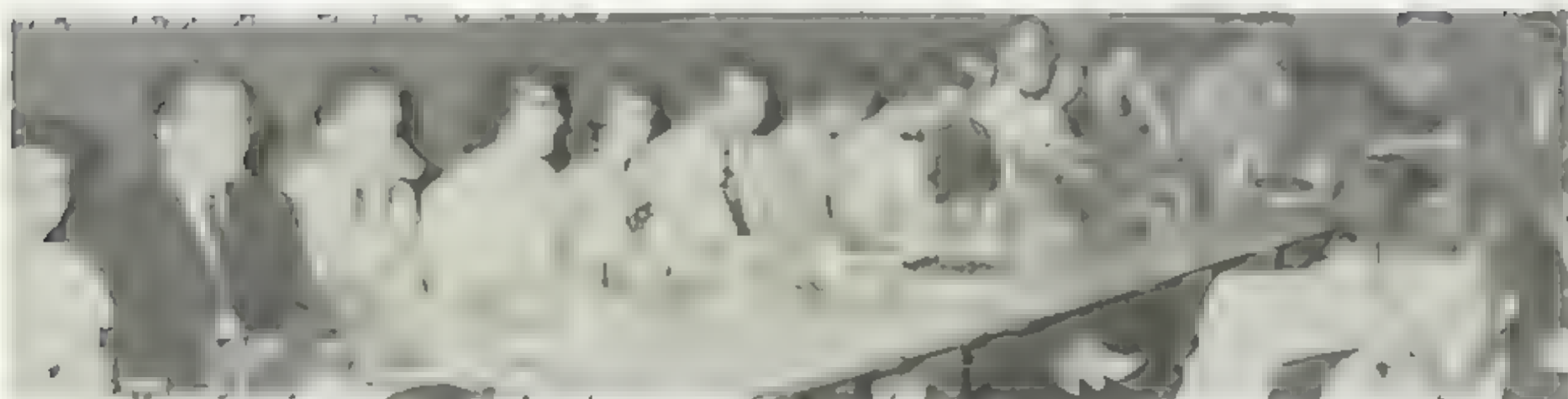
"Best All Around Seniors"  
Helen Couturier  
Gale Trimble  
Dale Trimble



"Neatest Girl"  
Shipley Hanna

A. Kellogg  
J. Pope

# JUNIOR-SENIOR PROM



"Moonlight and Roses" was the theme chosen by our class for the annual Junior-Senior Banquet and Prom on June 2, 1953. This thought was carried on throughout the evening in both the banquet and prom.

The table accessories were very appropriate to the theme and the banquet was a ham dinner.

The setting of the gym was a moonlight evening with trellises and realistic roses entwined about them. A wishing well and make-believe moon and stars added to the scene.

The orchestra of Harrison and Peck provided excellent dancing music and the evening turned into a cherished memory.



# JUNIOR PLAY



"That's Our Boy", a farce comedy in three acts, was presented by the Class of '54 on March 27 and 28, 1953.

The play was under the direction of Mrs. Bernice Sirmine, assisted by Larry Gray. The understudy for the play was Ann Anderson.

The cast included: Dean Cummings, Roger Simmons, Marilyn Phelps, Eleanor Kirk, Anne Kellogg, Ronald Klein, Helen Courturier, Ed Barr, Barbara Ferguson, Myrtle Anderson, Eloise Irish, and Bob L. Carlson.

We have added this play to our long chain of memories.







OH !!



GRR. .



AHEM. . .

## FRESHMEN



## SOPHOMORE



## JUNIOR



# JUNIORS

The Junior Class highlights of the year were their Junior-Senior Prom and Banquet.

To increase their treasury they sold concessions at the games and magazines.

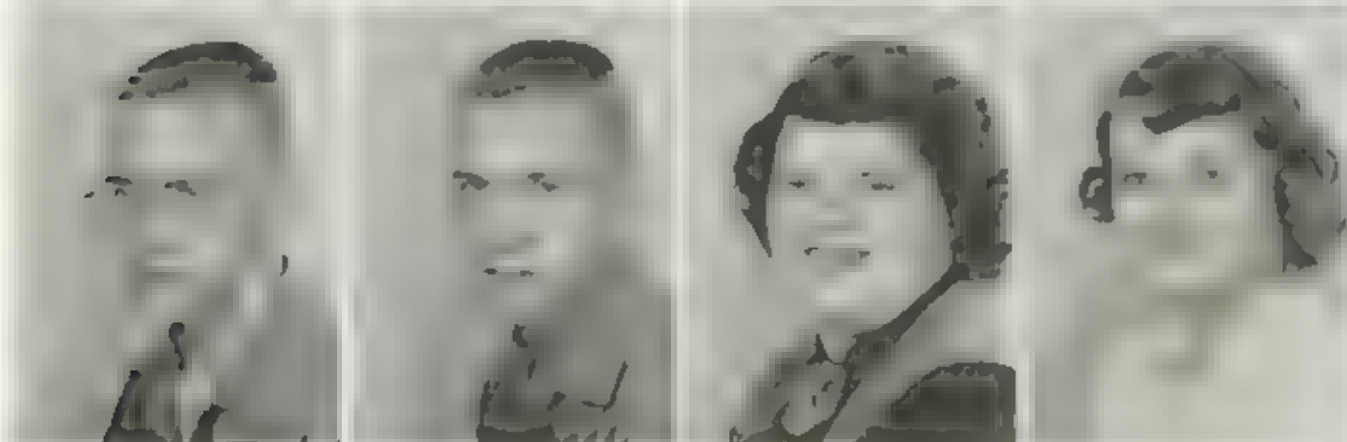


The following officers were elected:

President . . . . .	Richard Shepard
Vice-President . . . . .	Phillip Barber
Secretary . . . . .	Nancy Gardner
Treasurer . . . . .	Karl Pike



Dale Allison  
Richard Alt  
Donna Amburgey  
Elaine Anderson  
Marjorie Anderson  
Jerrine Armock



Phillip Barber  
Thomas Barber  
Janice Bates  
Carolyn Baughan



Robert Beardsley  
Gordon Blackmer  
George Blumenstein  
Robert Boros



Patricia Bowman  
Alan Braford  
Mannell Chase  
Lynn Clark



Arlene Coalter  
David Cook  
Ardean Coster  
BonniLou Cummings



Barbara Denhof  
Joan Dewey  
Marvin Fahling  
Dale Fitzner



Nancy Gardner  
Jeanne Graves  
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Arlene Hoekwater



Audrey Houk  
Barbara Houk  
Rita Hubert  
Fredrick Hug

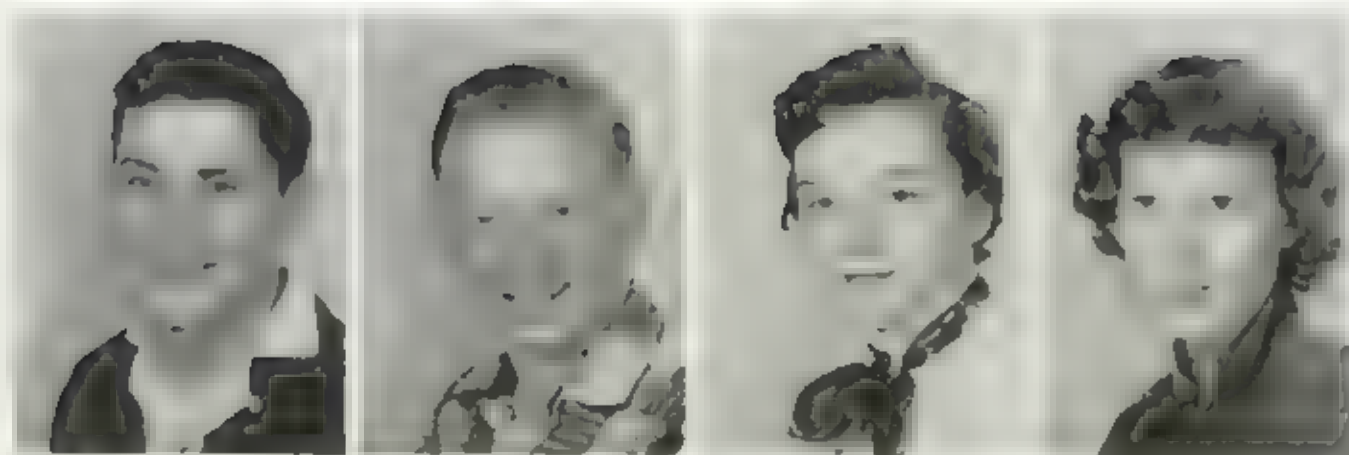


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Merwyn Jacoby  
Phyllis Jaeschke



Beatrice Jenkins  
John Johnson  
Kenneth Johnson  
Mary Kellogg





Ronald Klenk  
Gerald Kober  
Kay Kober  
Kathleen Krupp



William Kutzli  
Susan Ledbetter  
Bernard Lewis  
Lawrence Lockard



Roger Montgomery  
Marilyn Murphy  
Freida Nequist  
Georgia Norton



Ronald Parmeter  
Marshall Penland  
John Peterson  
Bert Phinney



Charla Phinney  
Karl Pike  
Kay Pinckney  
Marilyn Pinckney



Joan Pitch  
Ronald Plummer  
Gary Postema  
Marilyn Ring

Forrest Rogers  
Marilyn Sargent  
Noreta Schaefer  
Dorothy Schafer



Barbara Scheneman  
Jack Scoby  
Donald Shangle  
Owen Shannon



Donald Shepard  
Richard Shepard  
Leo Simmons  
Jacqueline Smith



Janet Stanton  
Merle Stark  
Vance Tawney  
Carroll Telder



Jack Tramper  
Robert Vanderhyde  
Ila Van Natter  
Marlene Vogel



Earl Watkins  
James Whitehouse  
Merwyn Witt



ABSENTEES  
Paul Potts  
Floyd Guiles  
Pat Shannon  
Joan Ritzenheim



# SOPHOMORES

The money making projects for the Sophomore class were the magazine sale and football pencils, baked good sales and paper drives.

The following officers were elected:

President . . . . .	Lois Hessel
Vice-President . . . . .	Gary DeLoof
Secretary . . . . .	Barbara DeLange
Treasurer . . . . .	Jane Erhart



Donna Allamand  
Karen Anderson  
Marjorie Austin  
Charles Beadle



Dona Benedict  
Ilene Brooks  
Kenneth Bunce  
Doris Burgess



Jean Carboneau  
Beverley Carpenter  
Theodore Davenport  
Gerald David

Barbara DeLange  
Gerald DeLoof  
Barbara Dewey  
Michael Driscoll



Carolyn Erbes  
Jane Erhart  
Max Fonger  
Claudean Fuller



Carol Gillette  
Richard Greeno  
Vivian Grice  
Carolyn Gufles



Robert Helsel  
Edward Hendershot  
Allen Herrington  
Lois Hessel



Lawrence Hilton  
Ronald Holliday  
Everlyn Ingersoll  
Lawrence Karston

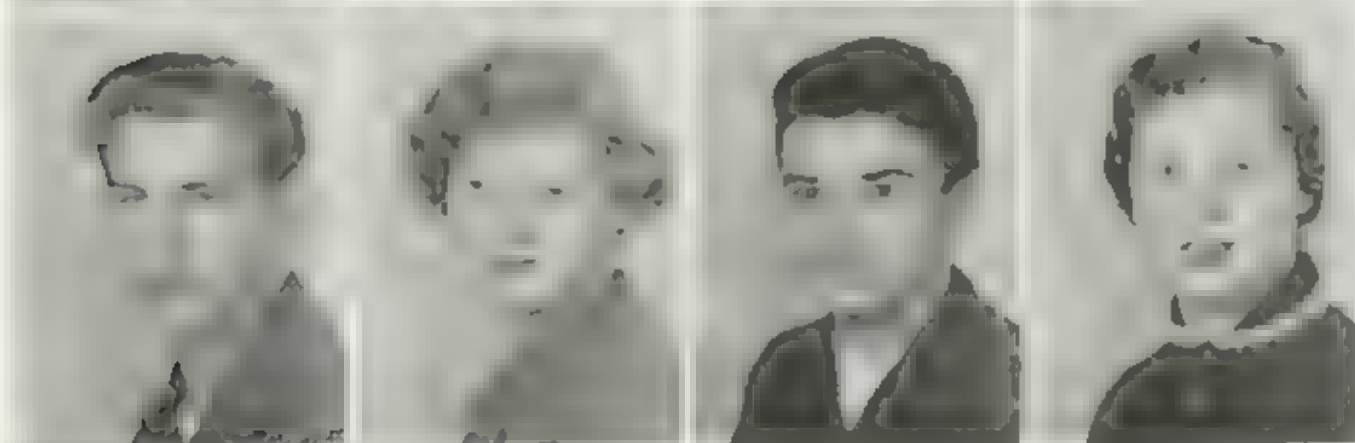


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Leroy Klein  
Royal Klein  
Eleanor Klenk





David Kober  
Joyce Kober  
Gerald Kutzli  
Phillip Lockard



Duane Longcore  
Joyce Martin  
Jack McCracken  
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Donald Miller  
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Richard Norton  
Floyd Oberg



Duane Parks  
Elizabeth Parmeter  
Theodore Passmore  
Vernon Pinckney



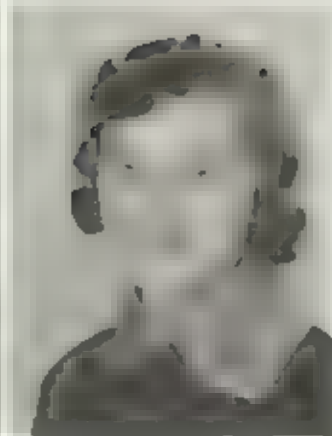
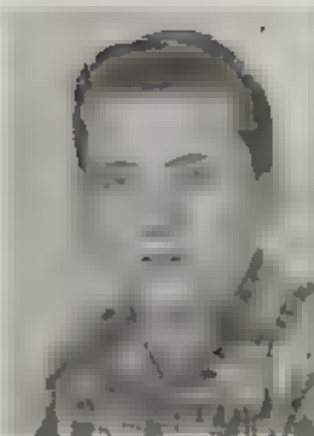
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Richard Reiss  
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Paul Shue  
Brian Singleton  
Marion Singleton



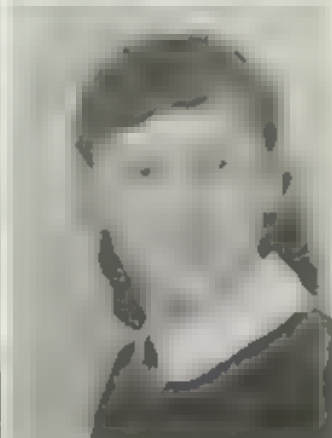
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Linda Teesdale  
Sandra Thayer



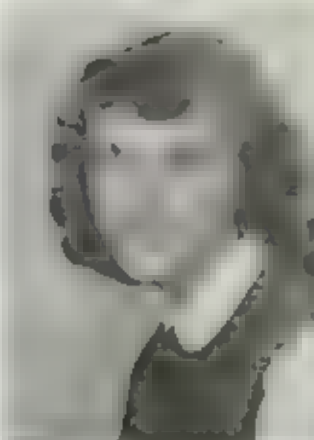
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Charles Twitchell  
Emily VanDyke  
Joan VanLeeuwen



Ann Waldherr  
Linda Watkins  
Jeanne Williams  
Robert Wilson



Audrey Woolworth  
Verna Zwyghizen



ABSENTEE  
Mary Williams

# FRESHMEN

The Freshman class started their first year by having baked good sales, booster pen, Spartan pens and pennants and Christmas cards.

The following officers were elected:

President . . . . .	Lawrence Bradford
Vice-President . . . . .	Joyce Trimble
Secretary . . . . .	Betty Saur
Treasurer . . . . .	Anita Coalter



Patricia Aberlat  
Mary Amidon  
Edna Anderson  
Marilyn Anderson

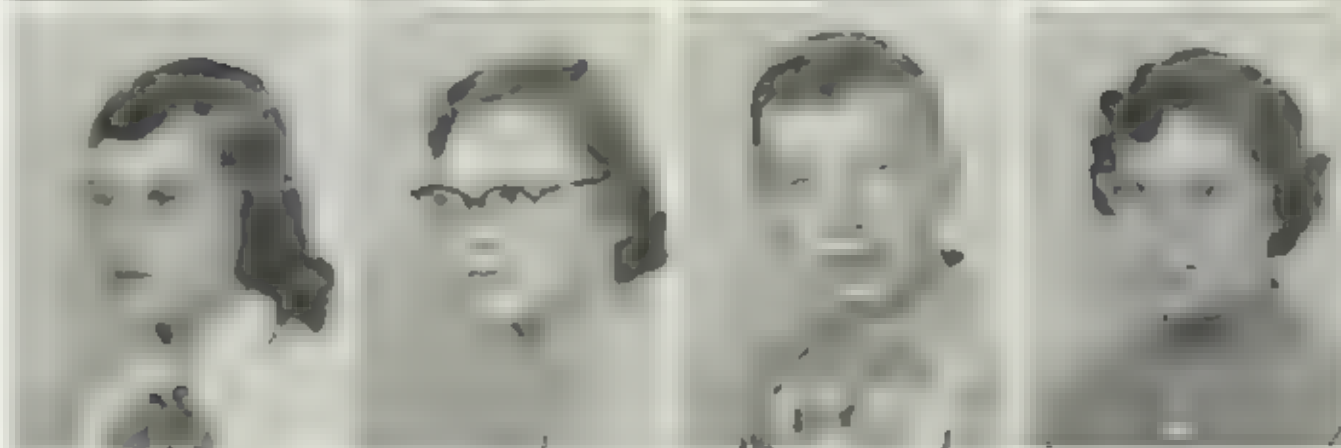
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Lorene Averill  
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Dennis Beuschel  
Lawrence Bradford

Donna Briggs  
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June Bristol  
Virginia Bueche



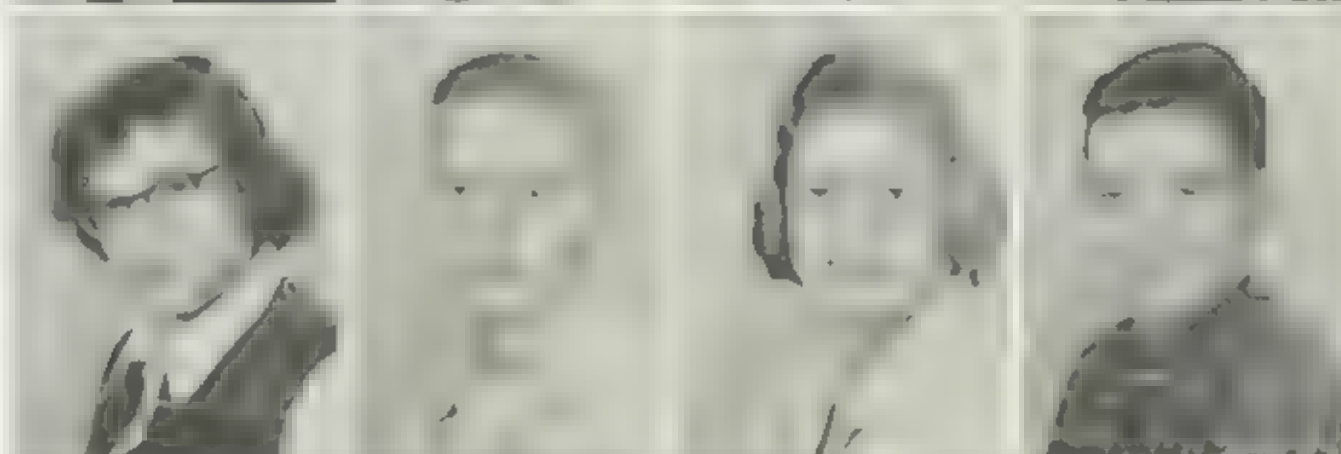
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Richard Chesney  
Onilee Clark



Anita Coalter  
Lynette Coster  
Dale Cranmer  
Dean Crawford



Maureen Crowley  
Robert Davis  
Dixie Dayton  
Robert Deems



Marcia DeLoof  
Sharon Doren  
Carol Derck  
Kathleen Ebers



John Ekster  
Clifford Foster  
Joan Foster  
Faye Fullmer







Janice Gangwer  
Charles Gass  
Garth Gillette  
David Hertling



Jenna Lee Hickman  
Eugene Hiler  
Kenneth Hoaglin  
John Hudson



Anita Jacobs  
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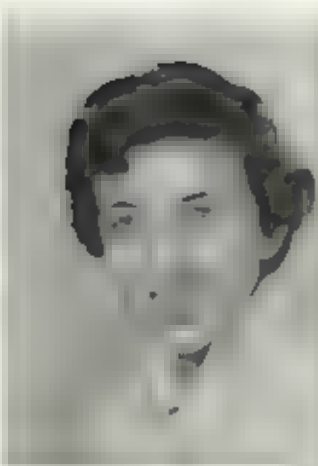


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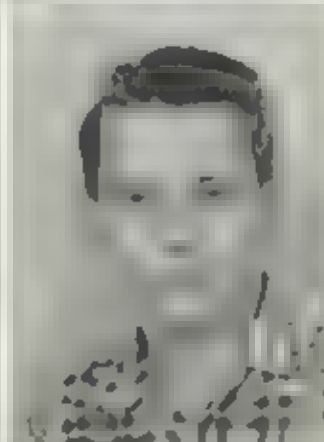
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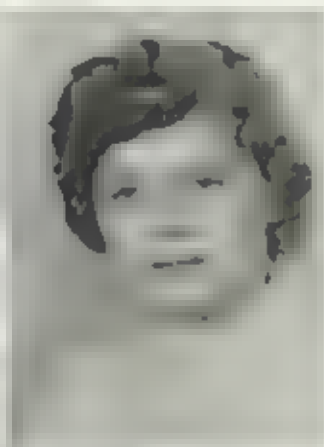
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Barry Robinson  
Alwin Rogers



Betty Saur  
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Nancy Scholten  
Roger Schuiling



LaVern Schut  
Joan Scoby  
Esther Schults  
Kenneth Shangle



Kenneth Simons  
Leon Simons  
Phyllis Simons  
Peggy Sizemore



Theodore Stevens  
Jack Sullivan  
John Sullivan  
Donald Swanson





Thomas Teesdale  
 Russell Thayer  
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 Rodney Trampler



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 Ardith VanSplinter  
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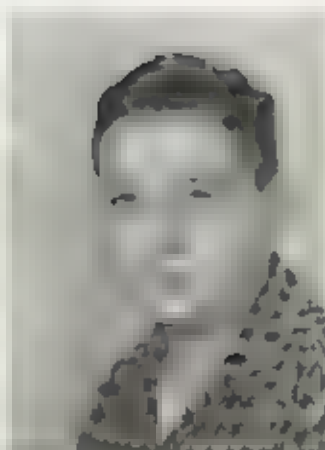


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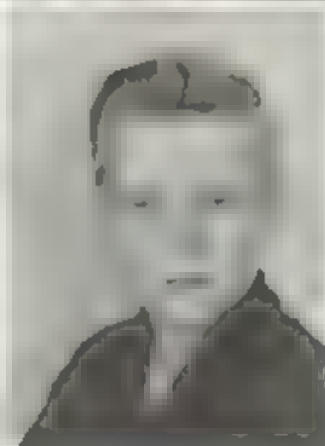


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Gary Anderson  
James Anderson

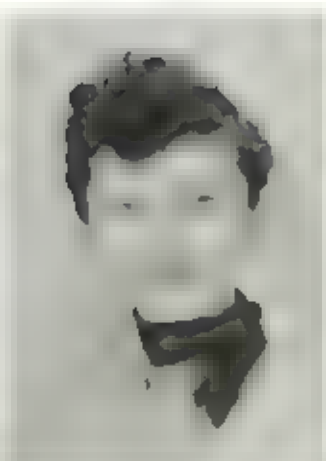
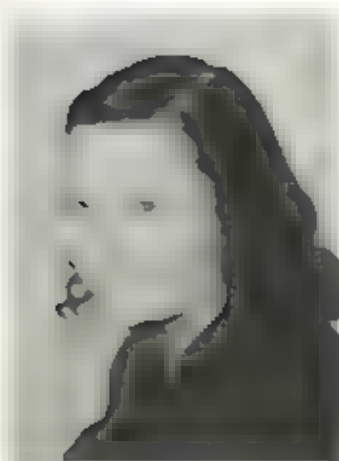


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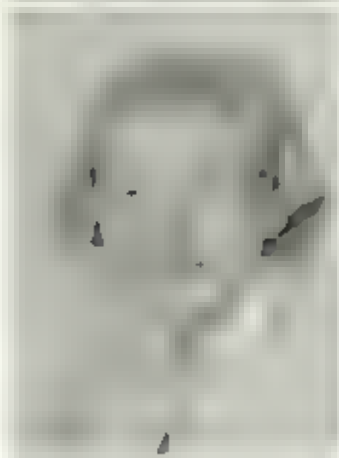


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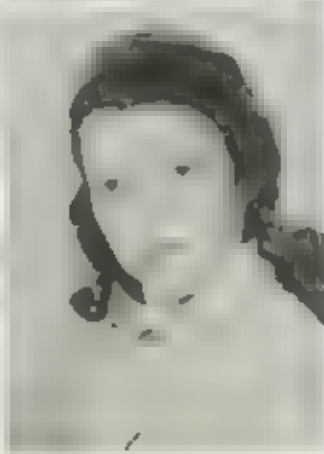
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Patricia Fonger  
Diane Frank



Donald Fries  
Jill Gardner  
Margaret Graves  
Joyce Greene

Glen Holtzlander  
Nancy Holtzlander  
Robert Hosmer  
Alice Hudson



Judith Hug  
Gary Jacobs  
Linda Jacobson  
Vernon Johnson



Robert Kaufman  
Norma Keech  
Janet Kelley  
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Allan Loveland



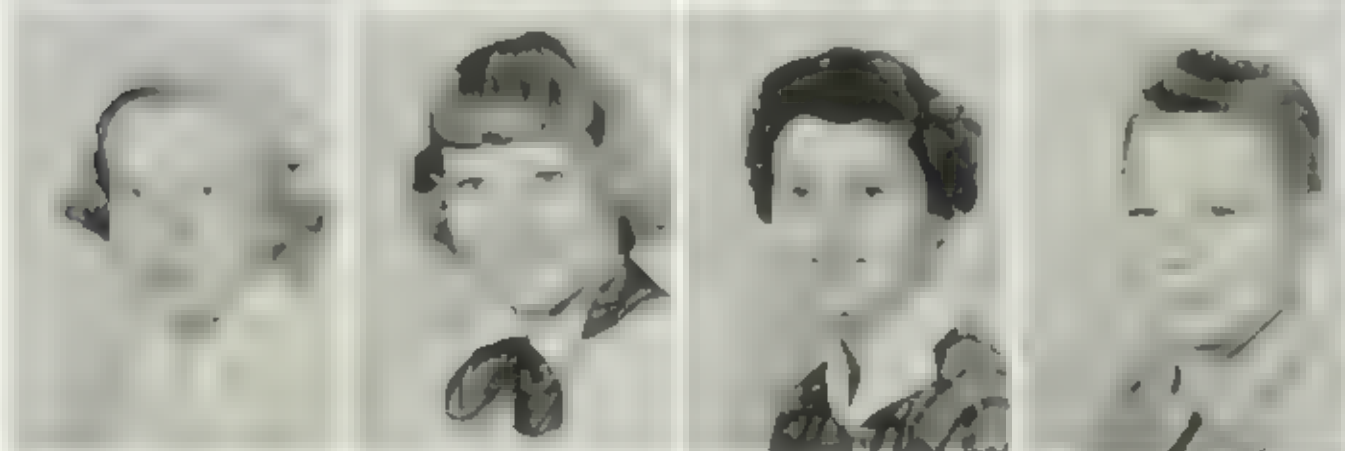
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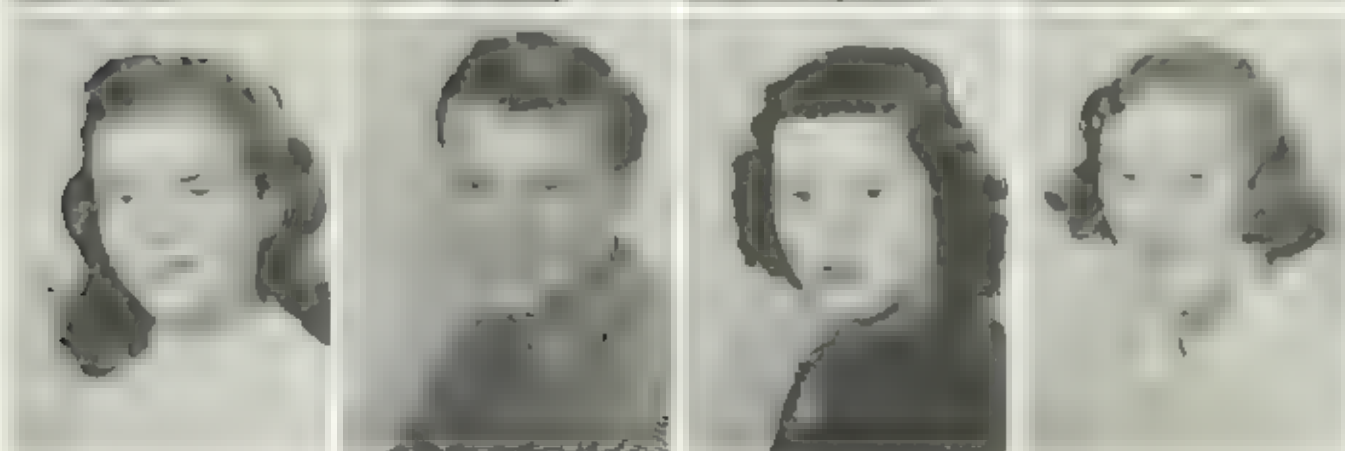
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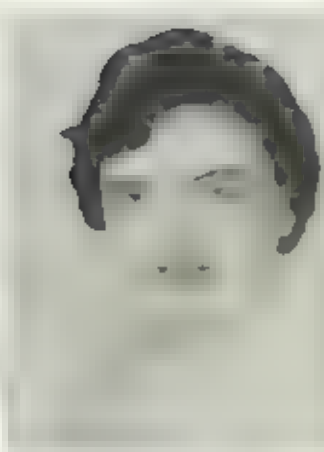


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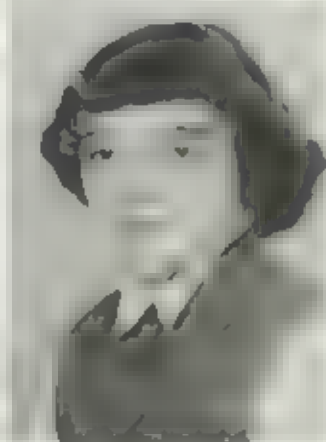
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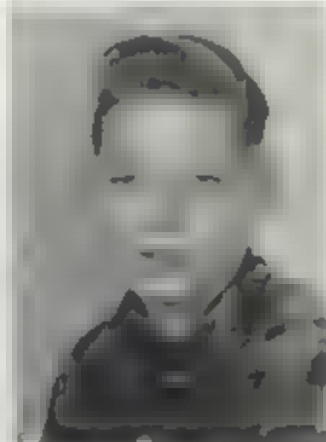
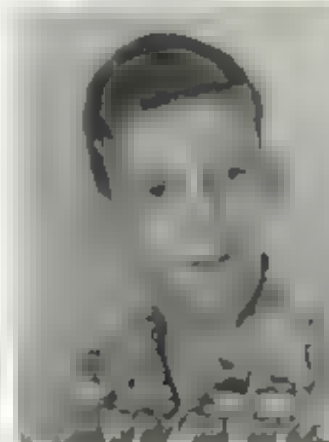
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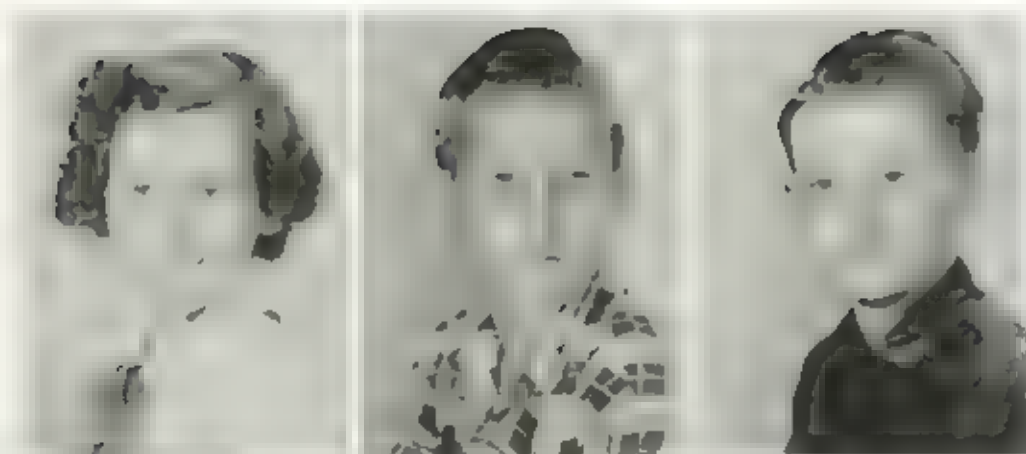
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Roger Kirk



# SEVENTH GRADE



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Michael Anderson  
Theodore Anderson



Margaret Bailey  
Robert Beadle  
Robert Benefiel  
James Black



Lawrence Briggs  
Jean Brooks  
Shirley Carrier  
Joyce Chapman



Ronald Chapman  
Nancy Chase  
Darrell Chesney  
Howard Clark



Judith Conrad  
Harold Cook  
Sandra Cooper  
Harrie Crowley



Michael David  
James Davis  
Charlene Denhof  
Leslie Denhof



James DeVoogd  
Carolyn Dewey  
Paul DeYoung  
Carolyn Dorman



John Falbe  
Karen Feichtenbiner  
Karen Frank  
Ruth Gillett





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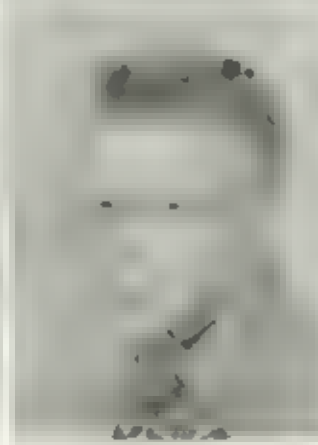
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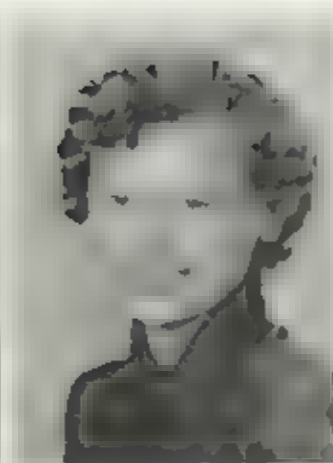
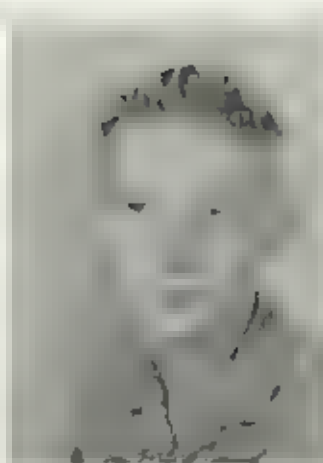
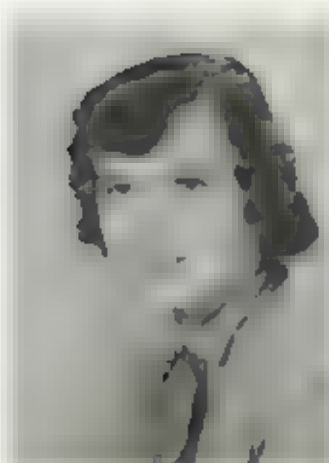


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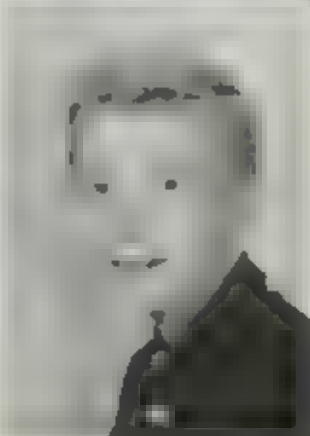
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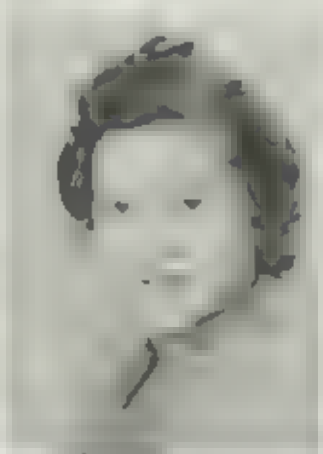
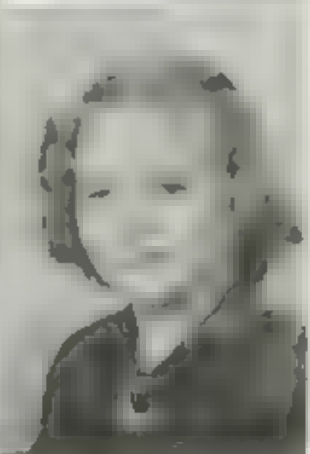
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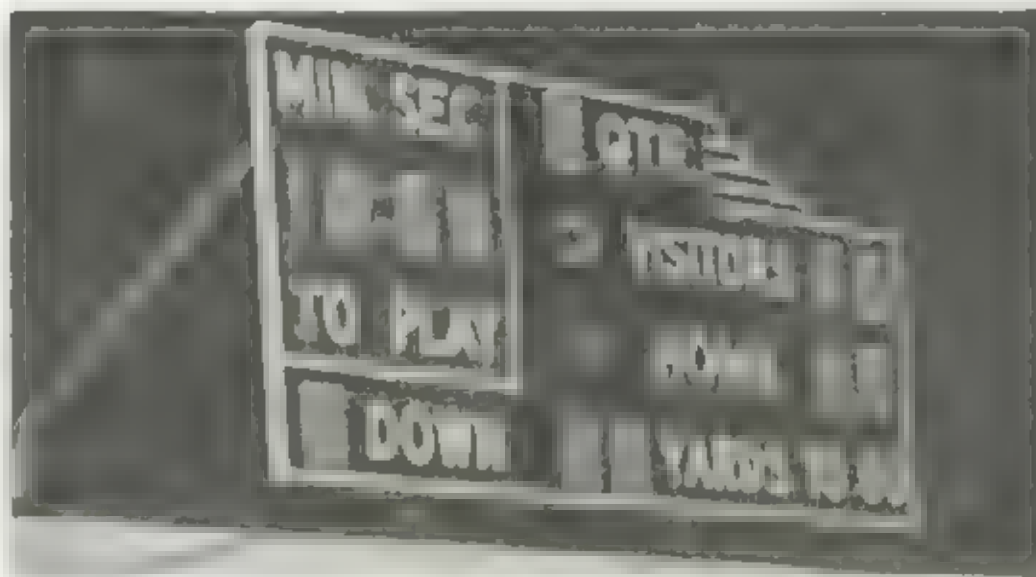


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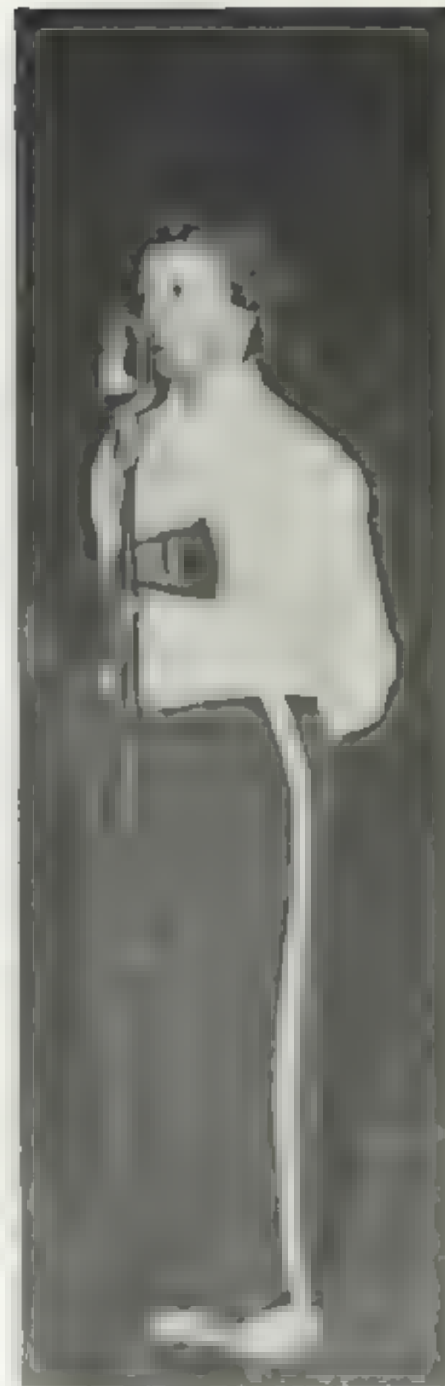




# 50th ANNIVERSARY



The scoreboard shown above was presented by Mrs. William Schaefer on the 50th Anniversary of Sparta High School football. Dale Trimble (left) accepts the scoreboard on behalf of the team. Eleanor Kik (right) accepts the scoreboard on behalf of the student body.



1903 Football Team



Mrs. Schaefer

SENIORS



JUNIORS

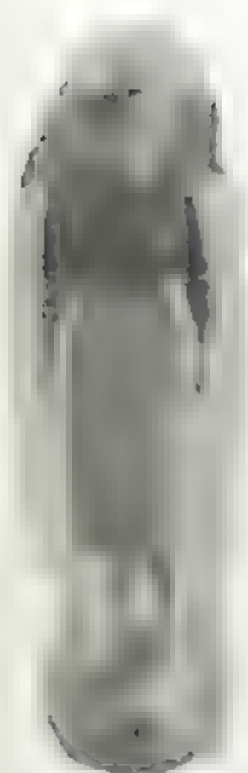
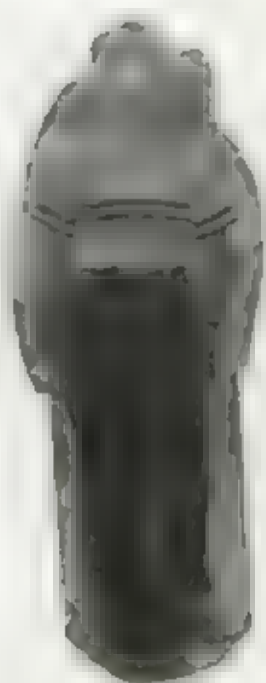


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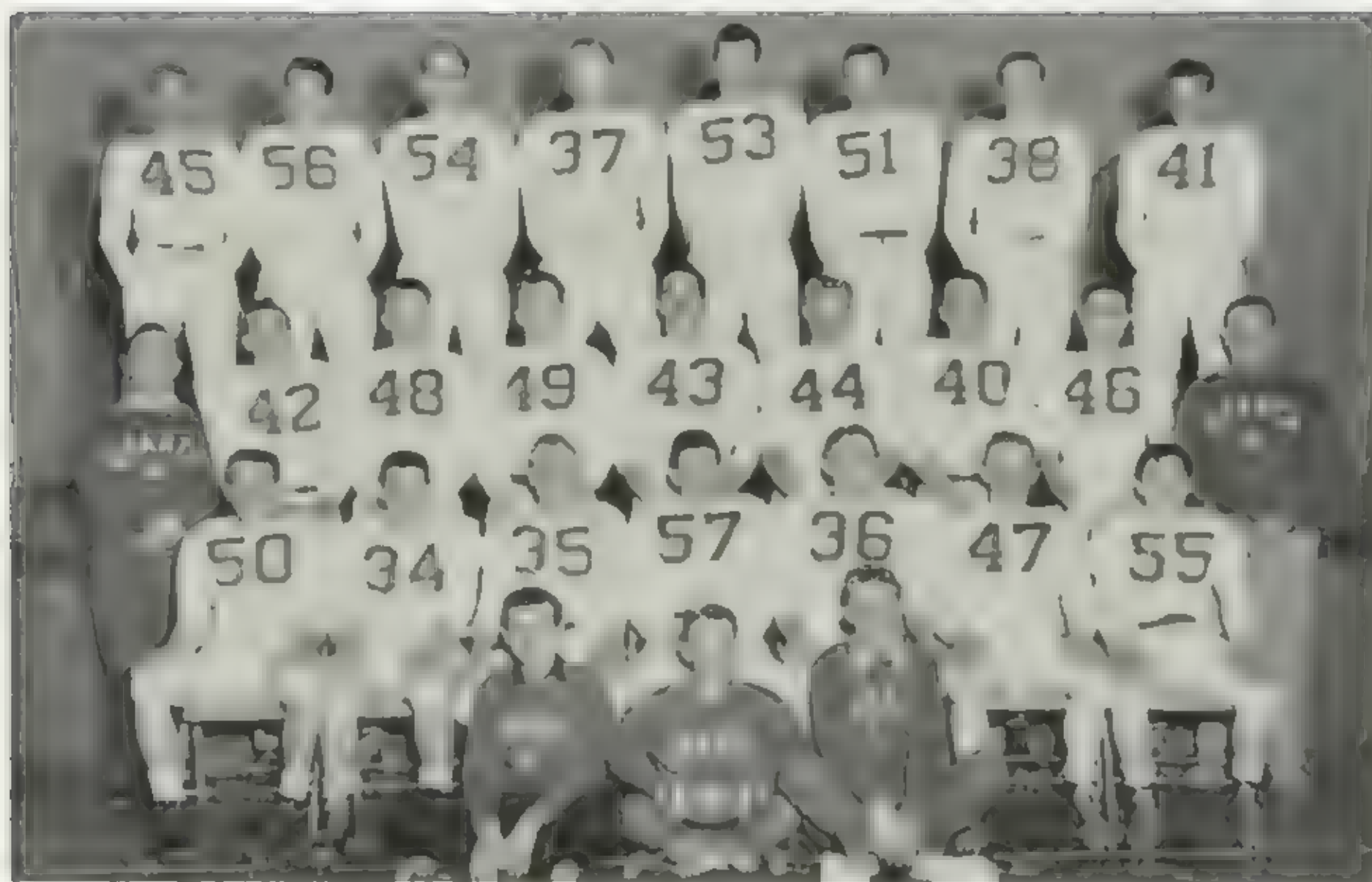




# ATHLETICS



# FOOTBALL



LEFT TO RIGHT: BACK ROW. Phil Barber, Ted Passmore, Jim Whitehouse, Dick May, Rog Radeck, Tom Stortz, Roger Montgomery, Ken Shangle. SECOND ROW. Mr. Perrin, coach; Ray Schuling, Don Bradford, Duane Bradford, Dale Trimble, Glenn Burgett, Gale Trimble, Arlan Lundquist, Mr. Harris, coach. FRONT ROW: Don Shangle, Roger Simmons, Tom Barber, Earl Watkins, Bert Phinney, Jerry Kober, Ron Klenk. SEATED: Managers Bob Beardsley, Mark Hudson, Roger Singleton.

## UNDEFEATED!

The 1953 football team combined speed, skill, student backing, and an undaunted will to win and the end result was one of the finest football seasons in Sparta High School history.

Bolstered by thirteen seniors, the Spartans overcame a big weight deficit and fought their way to three outstanding honors. Those honors being, the Kenewa League Championship, a nine game undefeated season, and being rated second only to Mt. Pleasant in the A. P. state ratings.

Under the excellent coaching of head mentor Norm Harris and assistant coach Wes Perrin the gridders were equally strong on offense and defense as they scored 275 points while holding their opponents to only 32 points.

The defense, spearheaded by the fine work of team captain Dale Trimble, attributed most of their success to team play and aggressiveness. Not one team made over seven points against us during the season.

# THE FIRST ELEVEN



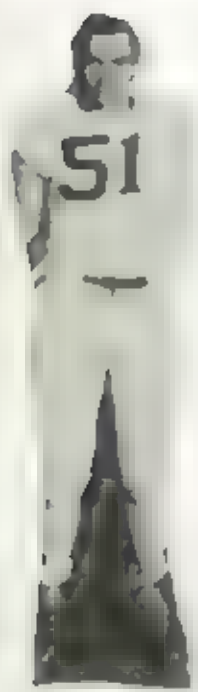
LINE: Right End, Duane Bradford; Right Tackle, Tom Stortz; Right Guard, Roger Simmons; Center, Ray Schanling; Left Guard, Gale Trimble; Left Tackle, Jim Whitehouse; Left End, Dale Trimble. BACK-FIELD: Right Half, Glen Burgett; Fullback, Earl Watkins; Left Half, Don Shangle; Quarterback, Don Bradford.

# THE COACHES



LEFT TO RIGHT: Head Coach Norm Harris and Assistant Coach Wes Perrin.





Tom



Dick



Gale



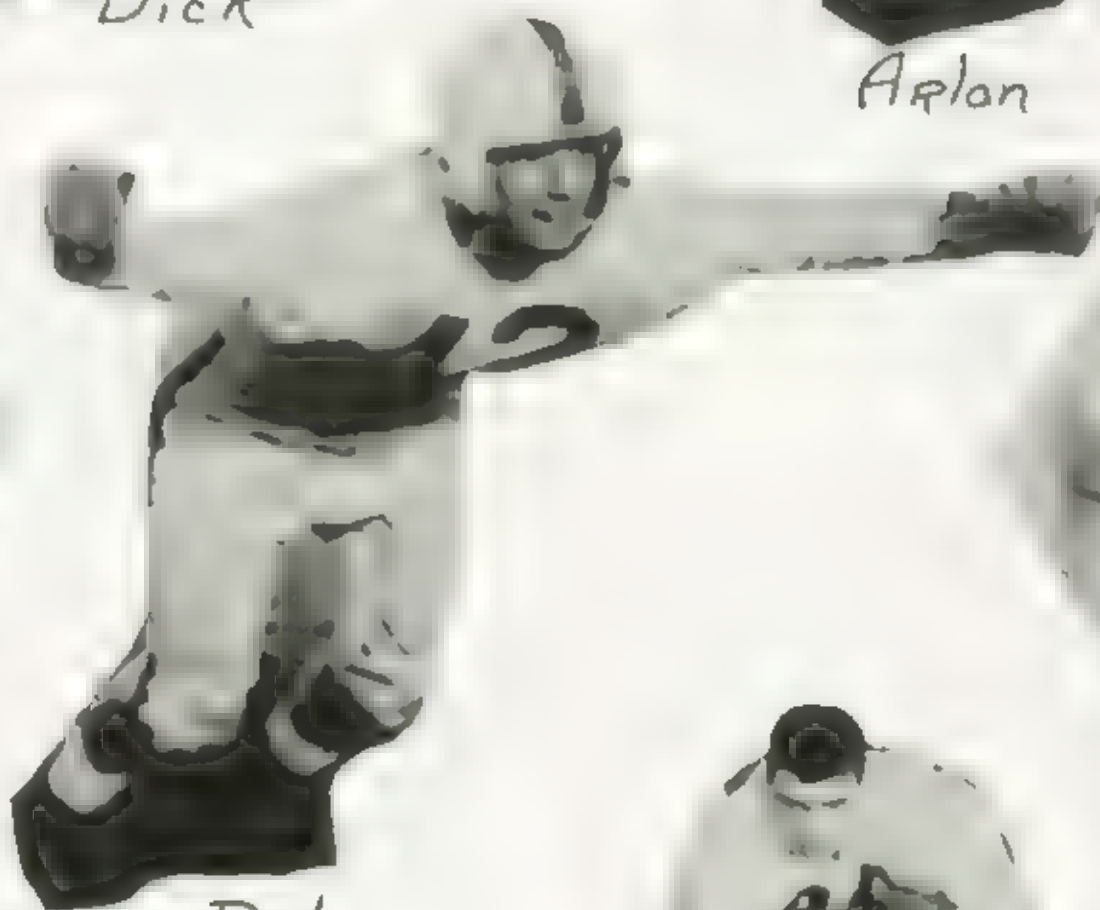
Arlon



Don



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Dale



Rog



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Duane



Glenn



Ray

# ACTION



# BASKETBALL



BACK ROW, Left to Right: P. Barber, R. Simmons, R. Schelling, J. Whitehouse, R. Pennington, R. Plummer, T. Barber. FRONT ROW: Du. Bradford, Don Bradford, Mr. Perrin, Coach; G. Trimble, D. Trimble.

The Spartan cagers overcame a great height deficit by combining speed, shooting accuracy, and aggressiveness. The end result of which was an exciting and successful season. The team scoring was well balanced with five players sharing the major load.

Playing in the greatly strengthened Ken-New-Wa league, they made a fine account of themselves, always upholding the tradition of the fighting Spartans.







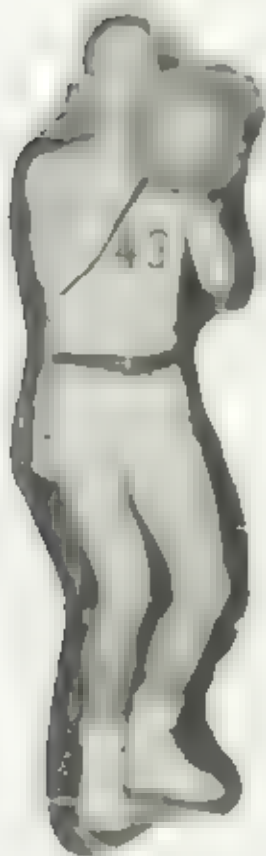
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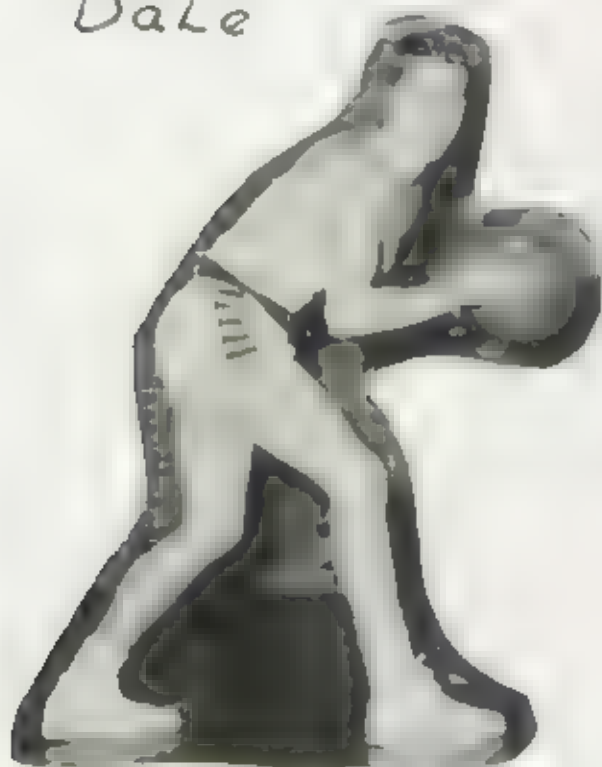
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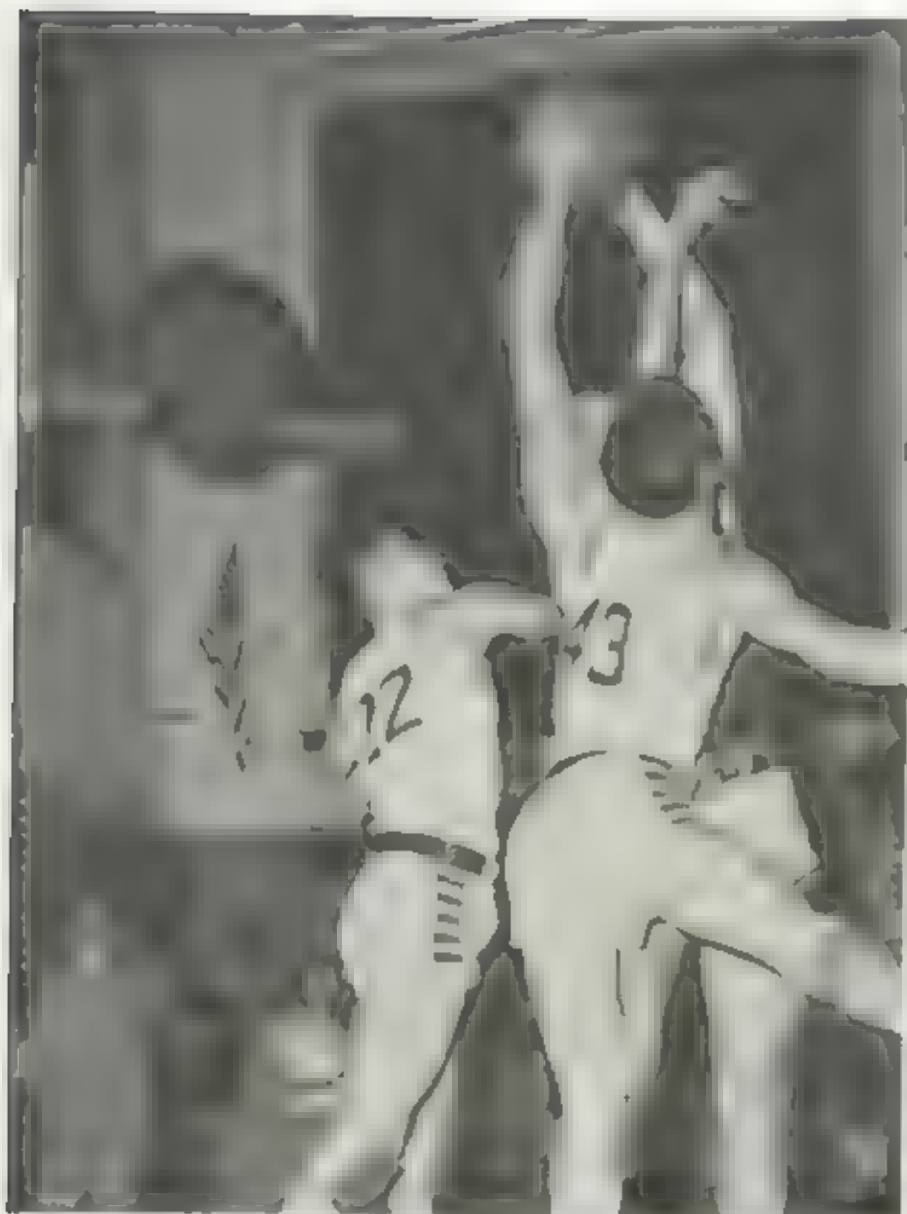


Gale



Ron

# CAGE THRILLS



6'7"



NOW COACH !



MAKE ROOM



NOT THIS TIME

# RESERVE SQUAD



BACK ROW, Left to Right: F. Hug, B. Singleton, D. Greeno, D. Rohm, R. Wilson, J. McCracken, L. Bradford. MIDDLE ROW: M. Driscoll, A. Herrington, D. Norton, J. Ekster, B. Merchant, Mr. Harris, Coach. FRONT ROW: R. Rolston, K. Shangle, J. David, L. Norton, T. Passmore, R. Thayer.





# BASEBALL



BACK ROW, Left to Right: Rog Radeck, Duane Bradford, Don Thorson, Don Thomas, Mr. Todd, coach, Dick Anderson, Merv Witt, Jerry David. MIDDLE ROW: Bob Carlson, Manager, Don Bradford, Gale Trimble, Ron Pennington, Earl Watkins, Jerry Shoup, Mike Feichtenbiner, Bob Beardsley, Manager. FRONT ROW: Jim Fahling, Bill Katzh, Nick Creveling, Jim McCracken, Merwyn Jacoby.

## WON 5. LOST 5

The 1953 baseball team under the fine coaching of Mr. Todd, finished the season with a five won, five lost record. The Spartans won three league games and lost three, while in non-league competition they won two games and dropped two.

Two highlights of the season were the one-hit victories by Rog Radeck and Nick Creveling over Coopersville and Cedar Springs respectively.



## GROUPS



## INFIELDERS



## OUTFIELDERS



## PITCHERS



# TRACK



FRONT ROW, Left to Right: P. Barber, N. Elve, J. Whitehouse, A. Lundquist, D. Rohm, D. Greeno, T. Barber. MIDDLE ROW: Mr. Harris, Coach, E. Shangle, Manager, W. Keister, B. Carroll, W. Johnson, F. Frach, D. Traax, S. Bradford, Mr. Perrin, Coach. BACK ROW: F. Gales, B. Wilson, D. Bradford, Du. Bradford, D. Trimble G. Burgett, D. Shangle, K. Graves.

## SECOND PLACE

The '53" track team was strong in track events, but weak in field events. This proved to be a contributing factor to their only loss of the regular season. The Spartans finished second only to Zeeland, a new Ken-New-Wa member. Sparta edged Kelloggsville in their first meet, but was tripped by Zeeland in the second meet. Then regaining their form, the Spartans concluded the year victoriously.



The 1953 Track Squad proved to be one of the finest in Sparta's history. The team was very strong in running events with some weakness on the field. Coaches Harris and Perrin spent a good deal of time developing potential track stars to prepare for the 1954 season. The team finished second to Zeeland in the league, and bolstered State Champion Glenn Burgett in the dashes.

Dale Trimble, Don Shangle, and Arlan Lundquist teamed with Glenn Burgett to comprise a top-notch relay team. Shangle and Lundquist were strong in the 440 and Dale in the hurdles along with the Barber twins. Duane Bradford was the teams top miler with brother Don, Ron Plummer, and Ken Graves running the half mile. Dick Greeno, Jim Whitehouse, and Floyd Giles joined with the above to handle the field events.





SEEING DOUBLE!!



LAST LAP!



FLYING, BOY!!



CLOSE??



RELAY TEAM

# TENNIS



LEFT TO RIGHT: Dale Allison, Larry Lockard, Bert Plimley, Bob Boros, Ken Graves, Walt Reister, captain, Mr. Gardner, coach, Bob Blumenthal, captain, Roy Simmons, Roy Delaney, Dale Miller, Jack Scoby.

With the help of a well-seasoned team the Spartan tennis team had its most successful season in almost 20 years. The Spartan netters set the pace in the first half of the season leading the league. In the second half, Cedar moved into a tie with the Spartans by edging them 2-1. A later loss by Cedar gave the Spartans an opportunity to again regain sole possession of the league leadership. They took full advantage, winning their last match and the league title.



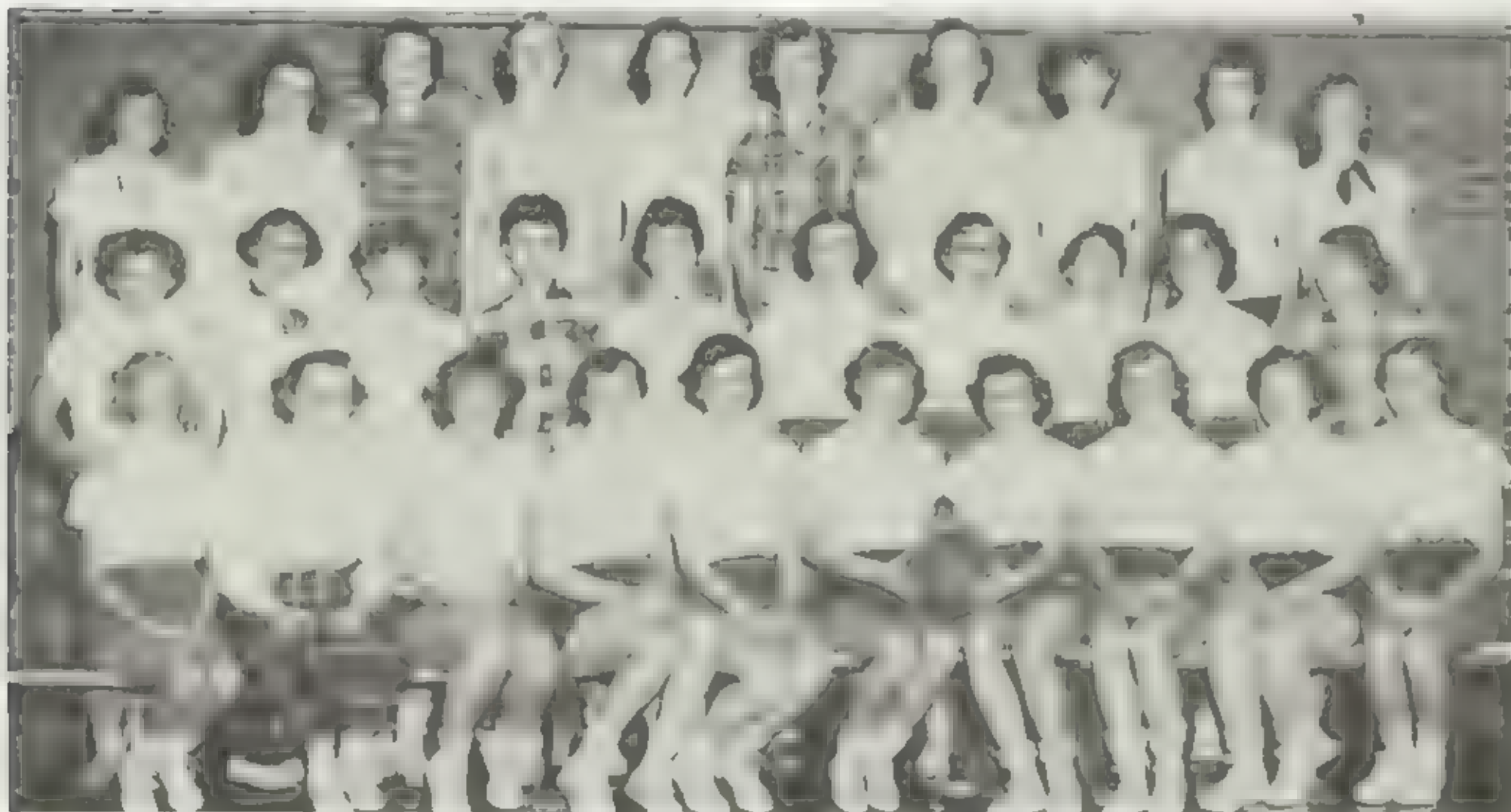


# GIRLS' BASKETBALL



## Varsity

FRONT ROW, Left to Right: H. Coulter, **B. Jenkins**, S. Hanna, J. Smith, M. A. Jordan, J. Kober, E. Koe. BACK ROW, Left to Right: H. Little, Manager, D. Jenkins, M. Arado, K. Kober, E. Clarkson, N. McCune, A. Coulter, J. Pope, Manager.



## Reserves



Marge

Meet

Helen

Shirl

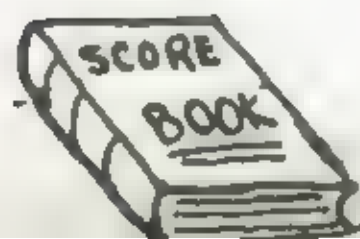
# SENIORS

Jan

Elaine

Doet

Ela



# YELL LEADERS



LEFT TO RIGHT: Eleanor Kirk, Joan Pope, Judy Wilson, Shirley Hanna, Mert Anderson.

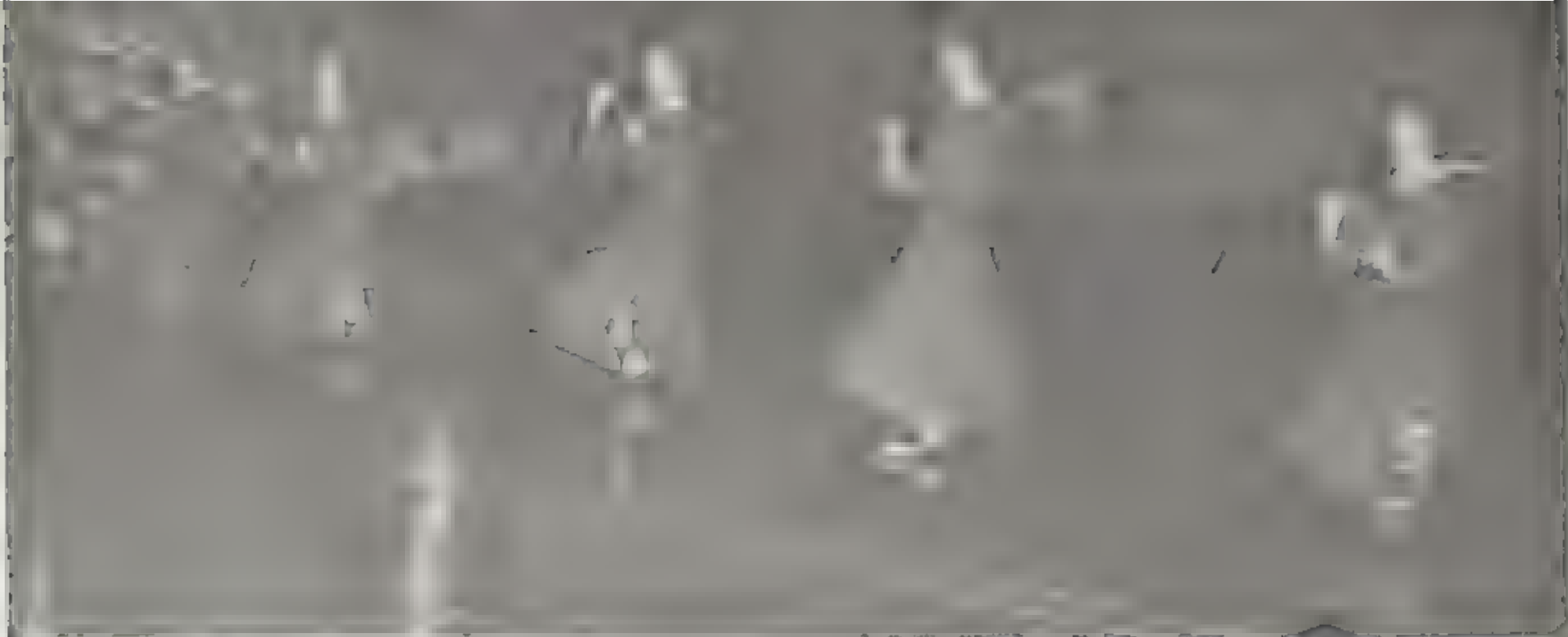
Win, lose, or draw, our cheerleaders supported the Spartan teams with enthusiasm and spirit. To create school spirit they planned pep meetings and decorated the boards. Although few in number, their job was well done.



LEFT TO RIGHT: Ann Waldheer, Elaine Anderson, Janet Stanton, Jane Earhart, Emily VanDyke, Marilyn Pinckney.



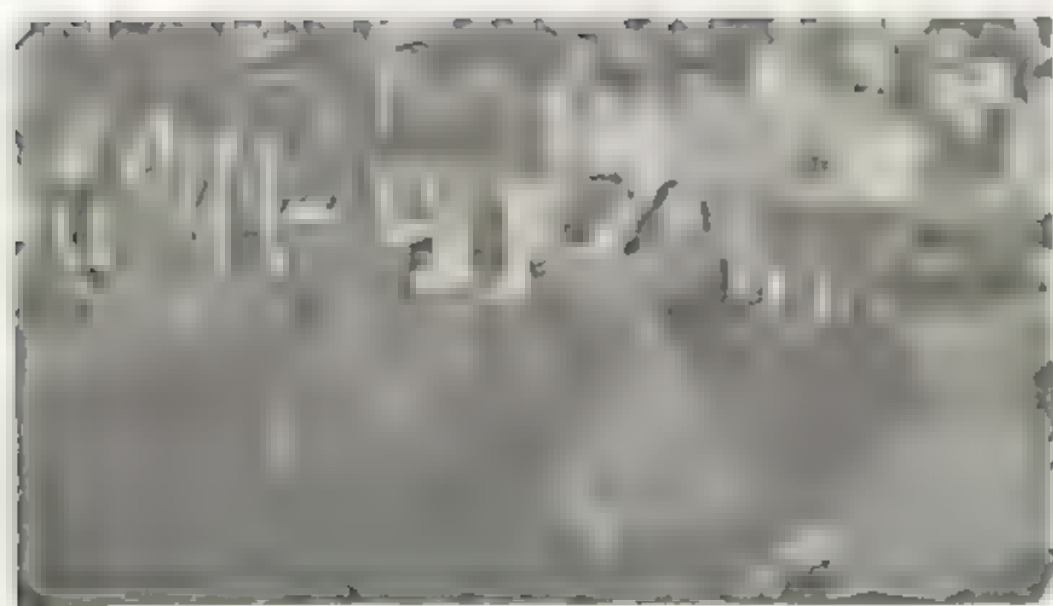




PEP RALLY



TIME OUT!



YEA SPARTAN!



HALF TIME



# Music



## SPARTA'S



Under the direction of Jack Davis, Sparta's snappy marching band completed a successful season, marching at two away games and five home games. They used many new formations and a much faster cadence.



## BAND



The concert band received many compliments on their arrangements of both popular and classical music. They took part in many different activities throughout the year. Sparta is proud to say that their band is one of the best.



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The Romanum Convivium was held Aprilis XVII, MCMLIII at VII P.M. The guests were Mr. and Mrs. Tuttle, Mrs. Gardiner, Mrs. DeHart, Miss Brummeler, and Mrs. Sirtine, the Latin teacher. Mr. Tuttle carried the roast Pig.

The procession was led by Charla Phinney, the General Chairman, with Philip Barber and his trumpet heralding Thomas Barber, as Caesar, followed by Norcia Schaefer, Co-Chairman, and the Senators.



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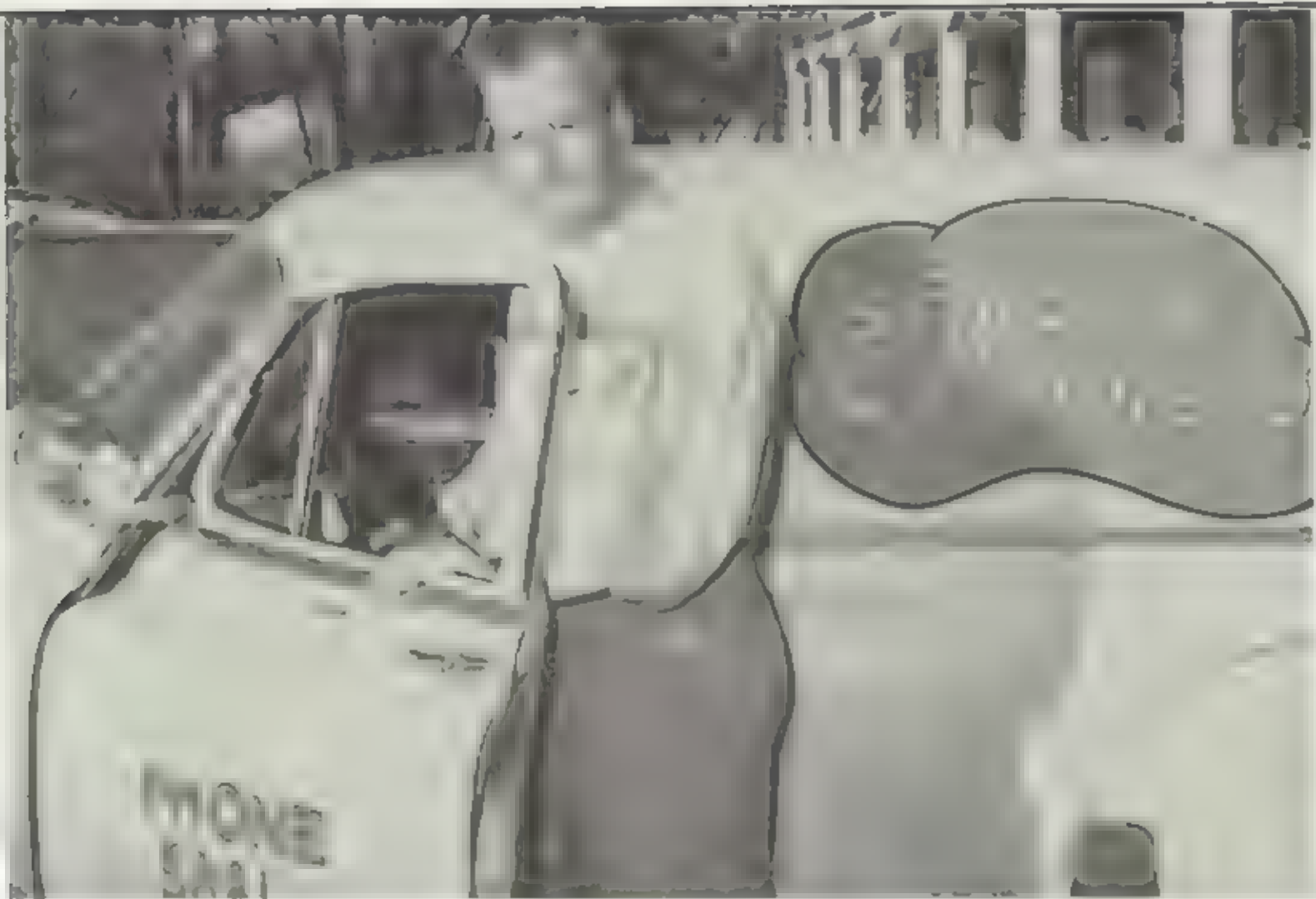


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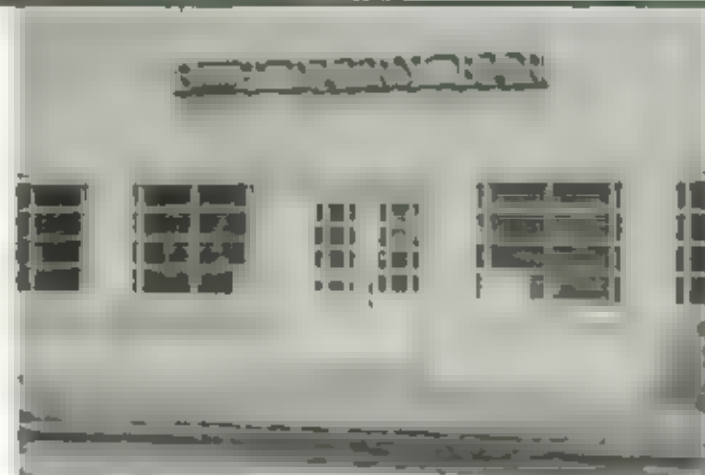
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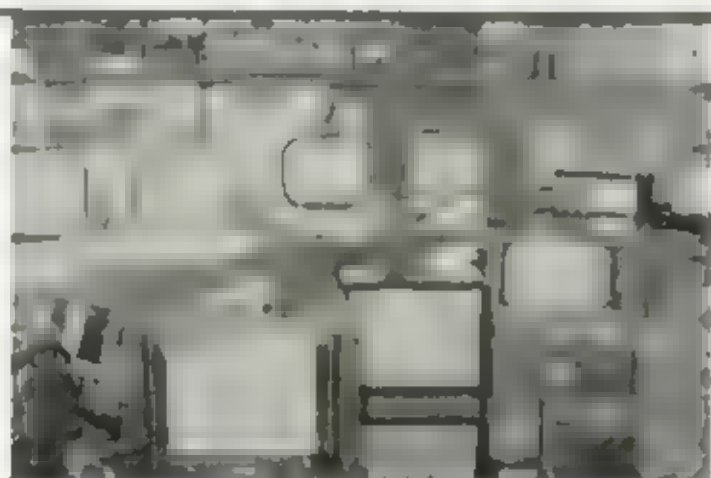
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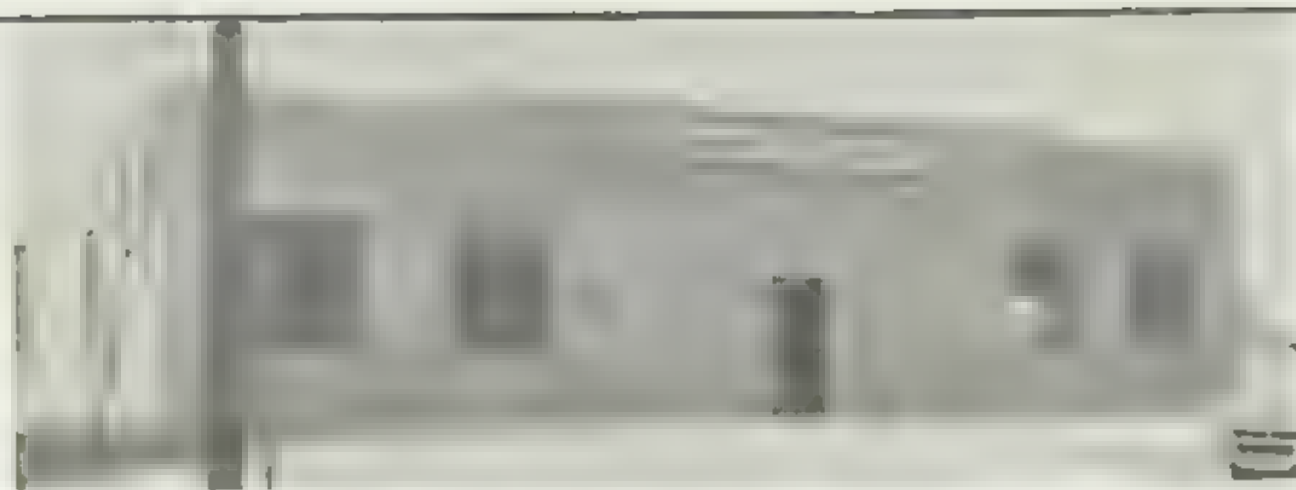
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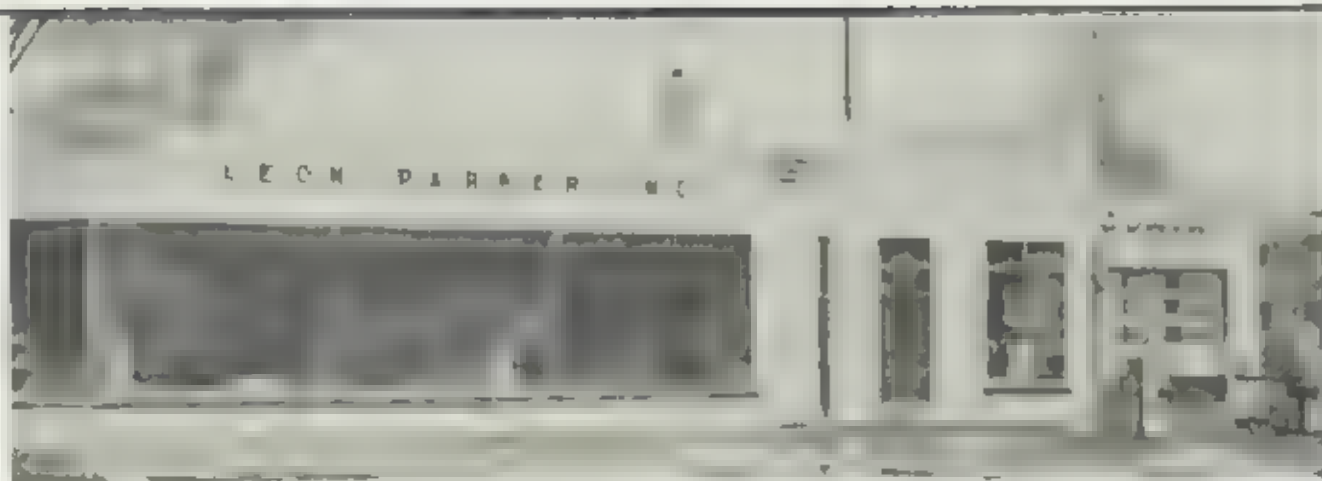


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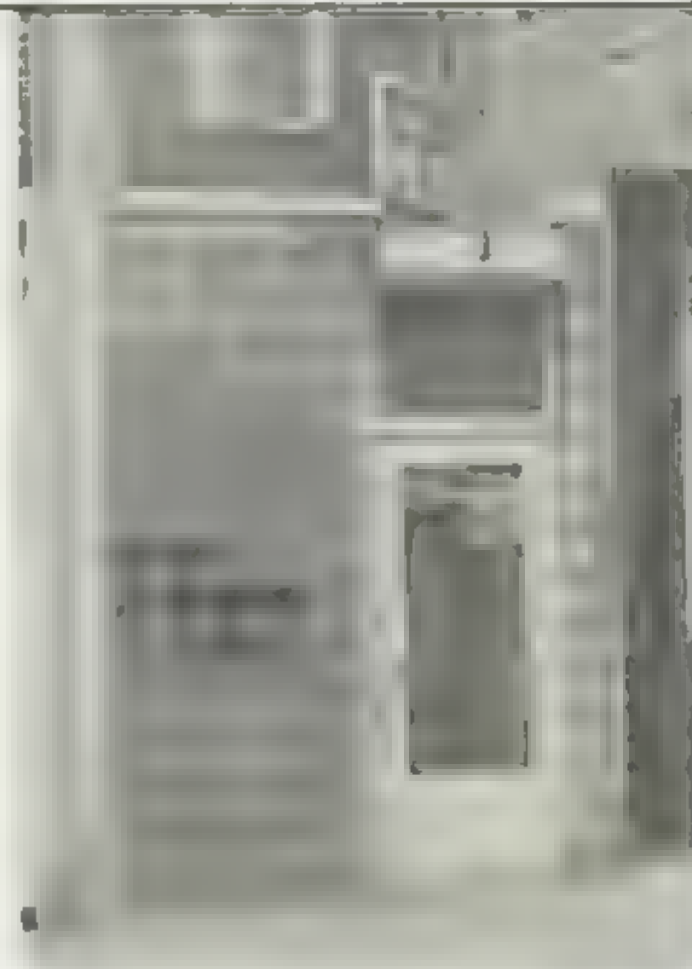




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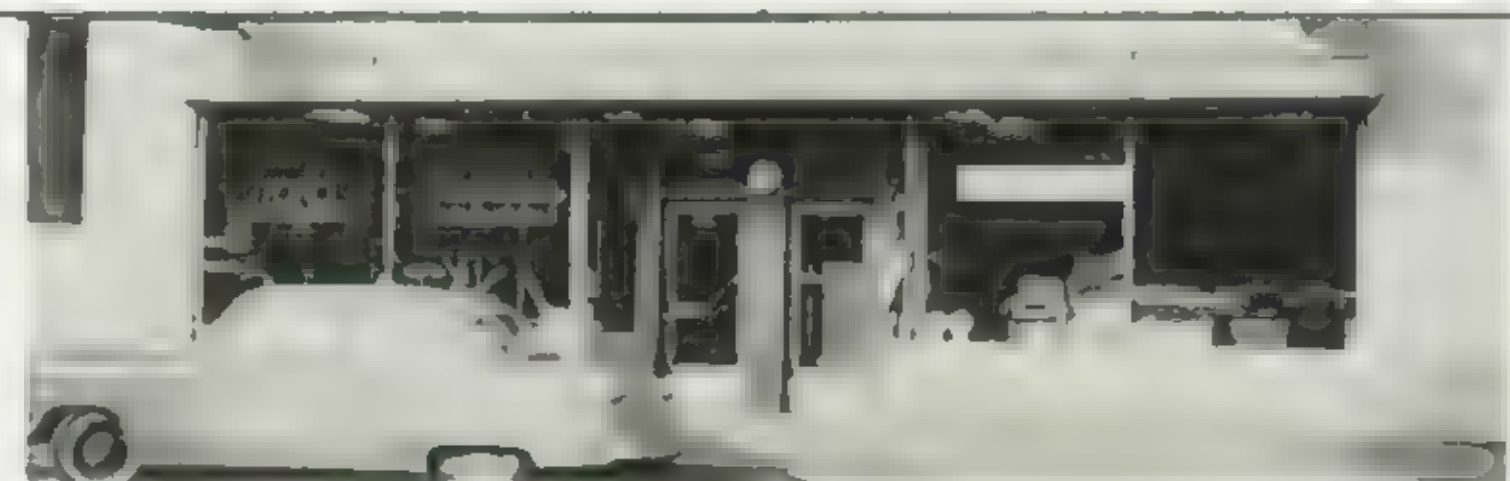
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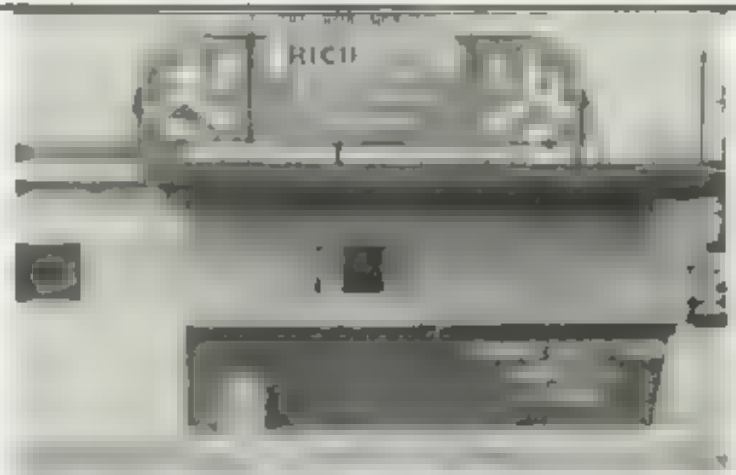
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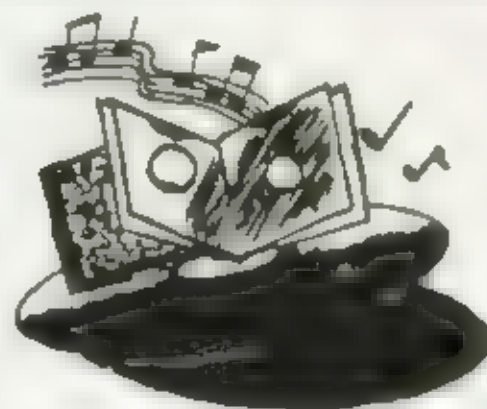
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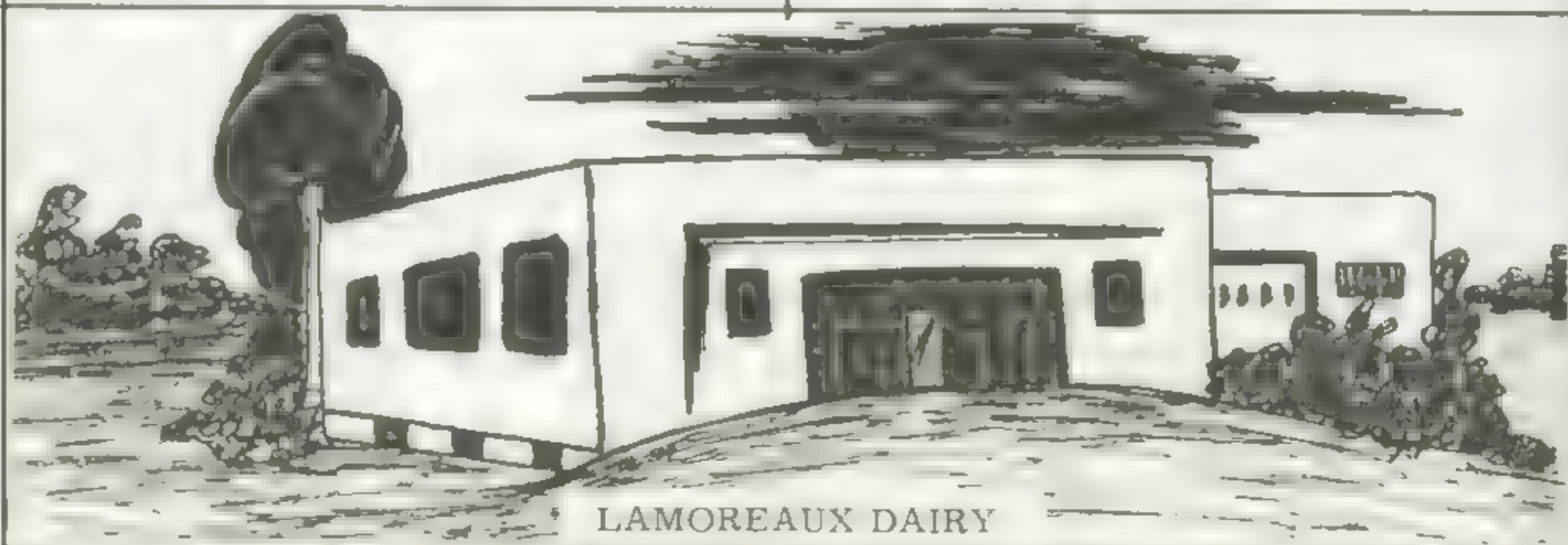
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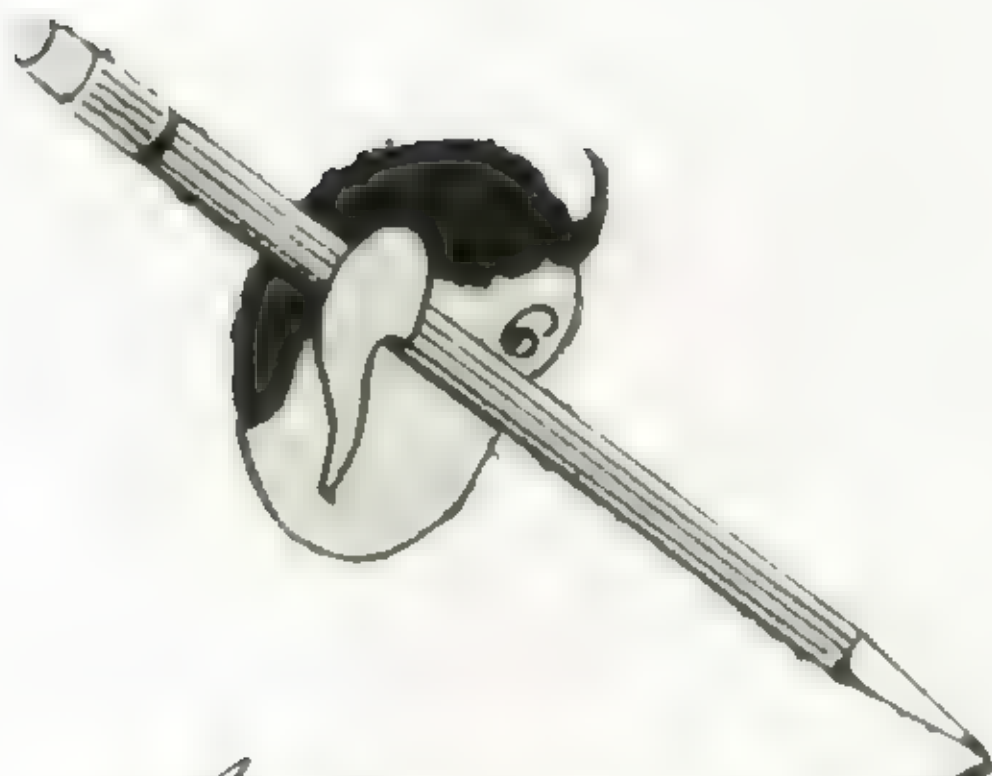
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